



## 27<sup>th</sup> Moritzburg Festival has started on Sunday, August 4

- Record number of visitors at the Opening Concert
- Festival programme is honoring the work of Clara Schumann
- Launch of a new festival ice cream

DRESDEN, August 6, 2019. The Moritzburg Chamber Music Festival near Dresden has started on Sunday with a record number of visitor at the Opening Concert. While 180 guests attended the concert in the magnificent historic dining hall of Moritzburg Castle, 375 visitors enjoyed the music of Mozart, Milhaud and Bruckner at a **free public viewing** on the castle's terrace – including a beautiful sunset scene.

From 4 to 18 August 21 concerts are taking place in Moritzburg and surroundings as well as in Dresden. The locations include several churches, the baroque castle, an airport hangar of the Elbflugzeugwerke in Dresden and – for the first time – Dresden's concert hall "Kulturpalast", which reopened only two years ago. During the Long Night of Chamber Music in the Moritzburg Church, participants of the Moritzburg Festival Academy will play in various chamber music ensembles on August 15. The Proschwitz Picnic on August 11 in the garden of Proschwitz Castle is also organized by them. Both concerts are honoring Clara Schumann on the occasion of her 200th birthday and will present works of **thirteen female composers** from the 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st century.

During the festival, works of Clara Schumann herself are played by festival artists such as Tiffany Poon, Nathan Meltzer and Guy Johnston. "I admire the exceptional power, talent and creativity that Clara Schumann has developed as a pianist, composer, wife and mother," says festival director Jan Vogler.

Moritzburg is also a partner of the Leipzig festival "CLARA19", which the jubilant is good at 170 events. Clara Schumann had lived with her husband, the composer Robert Schumann, in December 1844, almost six years in Dresden. There, about a third of Robert Schumann's complete works were created. Perhaps the most famous work Clara premiered on December 4, 1845 in the concert hall of Hotel de Saxe:

Cellist Jan Vogler founded the Moritzburg Festival in 1993 with his brother Kai Vogler (violin) and Peter Bruns (cello). Since 2001, Jan Vogler has been the sole artistic director. Since 2018; on hot summer days visitors benefit from the **festival's own ice cream**– this year in a refreshing blueberry flavor.

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The complete festival programme is uploaded on [www.moritzburgfestival.de](http://www.moritzburgfestival.de). Pictures can be found [here](#) or on request.

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