



PRESSEMITTEILUNG

A sold out 29th Moritzburg Festival welcomes 6,000 guests

Dresden, August 22, 2021. The **Moritzburg Festival** once again impresses with its open-air concept and, under the artistic direction of **Jan Vogler**, establishes an exceptional record in its **29th year**: From **August 7 to August 22, 2021**, the one-of-a-kind combination of music and nature experience at the chamber music festival enchanted around **6,000 visitors**, with **all concerts sold out** to the very last seat.

Under the **patronage of H.E. Ricardo Martínez**, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Spain, **29 international soloists** – including cellist **Christian Poltéra**, pianist **Louis Lortie**, flutist **Magali Mosnier**, and oboist **Albrecht Mayer** – and **40 academists from 16 nations** successfully proved that profound musical experiences are still possible in times of a pandemic with flexible planning and in compliance with hygiene rules.

“What luck for all musicians, academy participants and listeners: The Moritzburg Festival celebrates one of its most successful years in 2021. Concert life makes an atmospheric return with the chamber music genre, a starry sky slowly stretches out over Moritzburg castle, stage, and audience, and, from time to time, geese and swallows mingle with the music,” says Jan Vogler, artistic director of the Moritzburg Festival.

With the Moritzburg church serving as an alternative venue, concerts could be moved from the new stage on the northern terrace of Moritzburg castle at short notice meaning no concerts had to be canceled. Highlights of this festival season included the opening concert with works from Richard Strauss, Alfred Schnittke, and Antonín Dvořák, as well as the performance of Mozart’s “Kegelstatt trio” in E flat major K. 498 in a version for piano (Louis Lortie), oboe (Albrecht Mayer), and cello (Jan Vogler), and César Franck’s piano quintet in F minor.

This year, the **Moritzburg Festival Academy** had a particularly intense program, amazing listeners with performances at an outstanding musical level during the Long Night of Chamber Music and at the picnic at Proschwitz castle. Before that, the 40 academists went on tour as the **Moritzburg Festival Orchestra** under **Josep Caballé Domenech** with concerts at the **König Albert Theatre Bad Elster**, the **Darmstädter Residenzfestspiele**, as well as the **Young Euro Classic Festival** at the **Konzerthaus Berlin**. The grand finale of this year’s academy was the concert **“Moritzburg for all”** in the Dresden Kulturpalast on August 21, 2021.

The 30th Moritzburg Festival takes place from August 7 to August 21, 2022.

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