



# Summa Cum Laude

International Youth Music Festival Vienna

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ATTENDING THE FESTIVAL

### Do:

- Please bring along your **own music stands** for the **additional concerts**.
- For instrumental ensembles with **electric instruments**: Please do not forget to bring adapter units for all your plugs with you if needed. Sockets used in Austria are “CEE 7/16 Europlug” and “CEE 7/3 socket”.
- For all ensemble workshops (choirs, orchestras, band, and summa ensembles): please remember to take along your **own scores for the workshop pieces** chosen by you (including conductor scores for the workshop lecturer!) as well as the scores of your competition/celebration/concert program.
- Please wear your **concert attire** when you are arriving at the concert venues.
- Musikverein: All groups are expected to attend the Competition and Celebration performances of the other groups in the Musikverein. Your schedule allows watching performances of your peers before or after your own performance.
- Competition or celebration performances in the Golden Hall of the Musikverein are not open to the public. Friends and family are welcome to attend. Please enter and exit with the group via the side entrance. Extra visitors **MUST** arrive at same time as the ensemble.
- Konzerthaus: Please note that backpacks and big bags as well as food or drinks are **NOT** allowed in the Great Hall (Großer Saal) of the Konzerthaus. The winner ensembles may take their belongings to their assigned dressing rooms. For all other participants there will be wardrobes at the entrance of the Konzerthaus.
- Vienna has fresh, clear spring water straight from the tap. It is water of the highest quality and comes directly from the Alps in Styria and Lower Austria that's why we will present each participant with a high-quality reusable water bottle. This does not only save you money on bottled water, but it will also reduce high amounts of plastic waste. Also, do not forget adequate **sun protection for outdoor performances**.

### Don't:

- **No photo or video equipment is allowed in the Musikverein, Konzerthaus, Radiokulturhaus and MuTh.** This is not festival policy but a requirement of the locations. Our staff is instructed to act accordingly. However, festival photographers will be present at Musikverein and Konzerthaus and the photos taken will be forwarded to all participants after the festival. These photos are not for commercial use.
- **National Symbols:** As an international festival we want to enable our participants to build bridges spanning nations and continents with the language of music. As a classical music festival, we would like our visitors to enjoy the concert. To maintain this atmosphere, we request that national flags and banners not be displayed during performances, as they may prove distracting to both performers and audience members. Violation of this policy will result in immediate disqualification from the competition.

### Tuning:

- **Please tune before your performance within your warm-up time, tuning on stage is strictly forbidden at Musikverein and Konzerthaus!**
- The **tuning of the pianos** at Musikverein, Konzerthaus, Radiokulturhaus, MuTh & House of Music will be **443 Hz**.

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### Instruments:

percussion instruments and music stands will be provided by the SCL Festival at:

- the Musikverein
- the Konzerthaus
- additional concerts taking place at the “MuTh” and “Radiokulturhaus”

Music Stands will be provided at the University of Music – the University of music does not provide percussion instruments

On stage at those mentioned locations you will find the following percussion instruments:

- 5x Timpani (5 Pauken) - Adams Sinfonik pedaltimpani, plastic heads, fine tuner, tuning gauge, sizes 20, 23, 26, 29, 32
- Xylophone - Yamaha, 3 + ½ octaves (3 + ½ Oktaven)
- Vibraphone - Musser, 3 octaves (3 Oktaven)
- Marimba - Yamaha, 5 octaves (5 Oktaven)
- Bass Drum (= Große Trommel = Grand Cassa) - Adams 40'

For any other concert performances, rehearsals and workshops you have to bring your own instruments. If you don't bring them on your flights, please let us know early in advance so that we can provide you with a rental offer.

### Feedback:

- Each group will be provided with written feedback of their competition performance, additionally there will be a chance to speak to a jury member during the workshops at the University of Music.
- The written feedback will be sent to the ensembles after the festival and is not open to public.

### Festival Program

- The Opening Ceremony has been moved to the Grand Hall of the Wiener Konzerthaus to improve the quality for each individual participant, don't feel sad about the St Stephens Cathedral, you will visit this magnificent building during your guided city tour.

### Summa Cum Laude Anthem

- As you know all groups perform individual concert and competition programs during the festival. However there is also one piece of music we would love to sing together with all participants from all the choirs and orchestras - the **SCL-Anthem** [http://www.sclfestival.org/images/download\\_files/SCL\\_Anthem\\_solo\\_tutti.pdf](http://www.sclfestival.org/images/download_files/SCL_Anthem_solo_tutti.pdf).

## Opening Ceremony:

**Please make sure there is one member of the group ready to briefly introduce the ensemble to the audience on the stage at the Opening Ceremony! Max. 30 seconds.**

The Summa Cum Laude International Youth Music Festival is honored to be able to celebrate its opening ceremony at the Grand Hall of the Wiener Konzerthaus. Following introductory words and a small artistic program the participating ensembles will introduce themselves.

## Conductor's Kick Off

After the opening ceremony the conductors of all participating ensembles will gather at “EssDur” the Gala buffet of the Wiener Konzerthaus for the conductor's kick off. Here they will receive final information about the proceedings of the subsequent days and they can ask questions about the competition, the workshops, the additional concerts and the Gala Winners Concert. Transfer back to their groups will be arranged for the conductors.

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## Gala Winner's concert:

**Together with the audience** all the participants will sing the refrain **"musica nostra anima"** of the **SCL Anthem** "Music is the global language" at the Konzerthaus.

The **solo parts** will be distributed, detailed information will be sent out to the participating **choirs**.

**One of the participating orchestras** will be invited on stage to provide **musical accompaniment** for the SCL Anthem.

**The joint performance is always great fun and doesn't take a lot of time, please make sure that your ensemble members have seen the sheet of music before the festival!**

There will be no extra rehearsal or sound check for the **Gala Winners' Concert** in the Konzerthaus, but there will be short **inspection** (10 min) with the performing groups' conductors before the concert.

## Closing Ceremony

The closing ceremony for our musicians will be held at the arcade courtyard of the Municipal Hall of Vienna. Each Group can bring their musicians, the conductor your assigned tour manager and one chief chaperone to this event. Please assign the names of the adults joining here, they will be presented with an orange wristband.

All other adults and chaperons will be presented with a green wristband and will be invited to a Gala Dinner in the Restaurant of the Municipal Hall Vienna the "Wiener Rathauskeller" and will have dinner with parts of our artistic team and SCL Festival Jury. The perfect event to meet and mingle with our international jury.

## Travel information for Vienna

- ATMs are not that easy to find. Keep an eye out for banks and the blue and green signs.
- You will find all important information about Vienna city in this link:  
<https://www.wien.info/en>
- Check us out on social media:



**With best regards from Vienna, very much looking forward to a wonderful festival!**

**Saul Zaks, Christian Bender, Michael Grabenbauer, Ella Kramer, Claudia Migani, Simonetta Conti, Judith Walter, Michael Heislbetz, Marcus Krausgruber, Minnie Tang, Lisa Schreiner and the entire SCL-Festival team**

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