

Lifestyle Academia 2016

Opera workshops for children and young adults | 28th Academia is on the horizon

Once again this year, the organisers of Academia Vocalis have managed to bring international stars to Wörgl. And they're expecting another successful project. A new children's opera, by children and for children and young adults, in which the pranks of Max and Moritz are developed into a new production in the style of Wilhelm Busch, will be presented to the public in a professional performance in September 2016.

Under the overall coordination of Maria Knoll-Madersbacher, the stars of tomorrow have the opportunity to demonstrate their talent in the new children's opera "Max & Moritz in Wörgl", in performances in Wörgl and Erl from September 9th to 18th, 2016. This new project comes after the sensational success of the 2008/2009 opera version of "The Jungle Book" by Rudyard Kipling. The libretto for the new Max & Moritz opera has already been written (Walter Hohenauer, Wörgl). The composition will be done by young Wörgl talent Christian Spitzenstätter. Rehearsals started at the last JUKI opera workshop and will continue – after a casting in October 2016 – throughout the entire year. Experienced professionals work with the children under the direction of Maria Knoll-Madersbacher. The premiere will take place on September 9th, 2016, in an evening performance at VZ Komma in Wörgl, and culminate in two performances in the Erl festival hall.

Stars of yesterday and today

Academia promises a lot. From July 29th to August 5th, 2016, Univ. Prof. Karlheinz Hanser will once again be holding the master course "The voice as an instrument". The Innsbruck-born teacher is acting institute director at the University for Music and Fine Arts in Vienna, amongst other things.

Keyword "Vienna"

There he has celebrated the greatest successes of the State Opera, and is now an established part of the Academia master classes. Also worth mentioning is KS Prof. Christa Ludwig, who will in 2016 once again hold the master class "German song and opera" from July 23rd to August 30th, and thus start off the Academia summer. The "grand dame of beautiful singing" looks back on a 50-year stage career. In her artistic life three conductors have played an important role: Karl Böhm, Herbert von Karajan and Leonard Bernstein.

If you want Jarnot, you get Stemberger too

An unusual master class will take place from August 6th to 13th, 2016. Attention is paid to vocal technique and presentation, under the direction of Prof. Konrad Jarnot and the famous actress Julia Stemberger. Konrad Jarnot has long been a familiar figure at Academia. The British born singer is a heartbreaker in his most famous roles, or when performing as a gifted singer. He recognises and understands the problems of his students, which is why he is committed to his work at the Robert Schumann Hochschule in Düsseldorf and is also a juror/sponsor of international competitions. The fact that he was able to convince the famous Julia Stemberger to join him for his course is unique in the history of Academia. Stemberger became famous at the age of 19 for her film debut in "Herzklopfen" (1984). Numerous theatre engagements, such as the Salzburg Festi-

val, followed. Since April 2014 she can be seen in "Die Schüsse von Sarajevo" (The shots from Sarajevo) under the direction of Herbert Föttinger in Josefstadt in Vienna.

Helen Donath is happy to come again

After this year's debut by KS Prof. Helen & Klaus Donath, both are happy to come again next year. This means that the intensive master class "Song, opera, oratory" will once again take place, between August 14th and 21st, 2016. It is a great honour for the master classes to welcome KS Prof. Helen Donath, world-class soprano, and the German pianist and conductor Klaus Donath.

Varady Fischer-Dieskau once again accepted

The conclusion of this year's master class series will bring another international star to Wörgl. From August 20th to 27th, KS Prof. Julia Varady Fischer-Dieskau will teach the "Opera & song" master class. The German (with Hungarian ancestry) opera and concert singer is a celebrated star of opera houses and festivals around the world. Her commitment to Academia Vocalis once again demonstrates that this initiative is now well-known in the vocal world.

You must finish what you start

And that's what those responsible for Academia do. Once again this year alongside the popular master classes there will also be top-class concerts, which were standard practice from the beginning, and which have more than proven their worth. This means that classic music fans can once look forward to excellent voices and popular catchy songs this summer. But that's not all. As well as the important final concert of the master classes, Academia also offers other concert highlights in 2016. This includes the popular and famous folk music evening on July 22nd, which is opening this year's Academia.

The end is a prize-winner's concert

This year's prize-winner is once again a man. Justus Seeger, German baritone, studied at the Hochschule in Düsseldorf and is a student of Jarnot. For the Academia jurors it was clear from the very beginning that there "could only be one" and that was Seeger! The baritone impressed with his beautiful voice, which is balanced in all registers, his unusual talent for interpretation and his stage presence. The concert and awarding of prizes will take place on July 29th, 2016.

Discounts:

10% for Ö1 club members

100% for children under 10 years

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Dates - children's opera "MAX & MORITZ" 2016

Stage rehearsals:

from August 1st, 2016, VZ Komma Wörgl

Dress rehearsal September 7th, 2016, VZ Komma Wörgl

Performances:

Friday, September 9th, 2016:

premiere, VZ Komma Wörgl

Saturday, September 10th, 2016:

evening performance, VZ Komma Wörgl

Sunday, September 11th, 2016:

afternoon performance, VZ Komma Wörgl

September 12th - 16th, 2016:

afternoon school performances, VZ Komma Wörgl

Saturday, September 17th, 2016:

evening performance, festival hall Erl

Sunday, September 18, 2016:

afternoon performance, festival hall Erl