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Evgenia Votanopoulou

President

Mozarteum Hellas

Dear Mozarteum Hellas members

Looking back into 2021 and under the circumstances Mozarteum Hellas was quite active organising and participating in numerous activities.

I would like to thank both the Austrian Embassy in Greece, and particularly H.E. Hermine Poppeller, the Ambassador and her team and Salzburg Mozarteum Foundation, Mr Rainer Heneis and the team of the foundation for their close and warm collaboration and support.

It was a great joy for us all, to have the presentation of the newly found Mozart's musical masterpiece "94 Seconds" which lasts only 94 seconds and has been recently acquired by the Salzburg Mozarteum Foundation, during the Annual General Meeting and Conference of Mozarteum Hellas which was virtually held in 15th of February 2021.

We had the honour to participate for the first time in the 2021 Austrian-Greek Music Summer organised by the Austrian Embassy in Athens with two concerts namely the 30th Nafplion Festival (15 July) and the 21st International Pelion Festival (19 July).

Mozarteum Hellas hosted its annual Summer Concert on Wednesday 21 July.

On Thursday 2 September the newly appointed CEO of Mozarteum Foundation of Salzburg, Rainer Heneis met with the Mozarteum Hellas Board during his visit in Greece discussing more ways of collaboration.

In cooperation with Ecali Club and under the auspices of Austrian Embassy in Athens we organised a concert on Wednesday 29 September.

Finally in collaboration with Athens International Airport and under the auspices of the Salzburg Mozarteum Foundation and Mozarteum Hellas, SKY EXPRESS organised a festive Classical Music Evening

Enjoy reading!

31/01/2021

Annual Meeting of the Mozart Communities

Just like the Mozart Week 2021, the Annual Meeting of the Mozart communities took place online on Saturday, 30th January 2021.



Dr Tobias Debuch, CEO of Mozarteum Foundation, delivered a welcome address and made a presentation of the activities of Mozarteum Foundation.

Dr Ulrich Leisinger, Head of Research Department, made a presentation on the scholarly projects and recent acquisitions of Mozarteum Foundation, **Marina Corliano Nahi**, Fund-raising & Mozart Communities, made a report of the Mozart Communities.

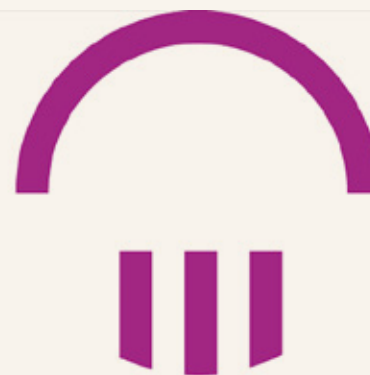
During the meeting Dr Leisinger presented to Mozart Communities the newly discovered Allegro in D major, K.626b/16.

The President of Mozarteum Hellas, **Mrs Evgenia Votanopoulou**, made a short presentation, on past activities and future plans.

YOU CAN READ THE SPEECH OF MRS VOTANOPOULOU FOLLOWING THE LINK BELOW

<http://www.mozarteum.gr/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Speech-of-the-President-of-Mozarteum-Hellas-Mrs-Evgenia-Votanopoulou-at-the-2021-Mozart-communities-Annual-virtual-meeting-.pdf>

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15/02/2021

Mozarteum Hellas, Member of The Salzburg Mozarteum Foundation, in the Framework of its Annual Conference, Presented for the First Time in Greece, the Newly Found Mozart's Musical Masterpiece "94 Seconds"



On the 15th of February 2021 has been, virtually held, the Annual General Meeting and Conference of Mozarteum Hellas.

In the framework of the event, prepared under the auspices of the Austrian Embassy in Greece and The Salzburg Mozarteum Foundation, has been presented for the first time in Greece, the newly found Mozart's musical masterpiece "94 Seconds" which last only 94 seconds and has been re-

cently acquired by the Salzburg Mozarteum Foundation.

H. E. Hermine Poppeller, Ambassador of Austria in Greece has mentioned during her Welcome Address: *"I was very pleased that Mozarteum Hellas was able to organize the Annual Meeting in an online event with the participation of the CEO of Mozarteum Salzburg Dr. Debuch and the Head of the Research Department at the Mozarteum Salzburg, Dr. Leisinger."*

Mozarteum Hellas, Member of The Salzburg Mozarteum Foundation, in the Framework of its Annual Conference, Presented for the First Time in Greece, the Newly Found Mozart's Musical Masterpiece "94 Seconds" (cont'd)



H. E. Hermine Poppeller, Ambassador of Austria in Greece

"It is a great pleasure for the Mozarteum Foundation to see such a fruitful relationship growing with Mozarteum Hellas. My thanks to President Evgenia Votanopoulou for her valuable work in establishing Mozarteum Hellas in Greece. Congratulations on the enthusiasm and commitment demonstrated in the fantastic musical projects that have so quickly built a bridge between Salzburg and Athens. Especially in these difficult times, the fascination of Mozart and his music bring strength and light to many people. We look forward to cultivating a close bond with Mozarteum Hellas, and we express our sincere thanks to Ambassador Hermine Poppeller and Kostas Iatrou for their wonderful support."

Dr. Ulrich Leisinger, Head of the Research Department of The Salzburg Mozarteum Foundation has presented Mozart's musical piece "94 seconds".

YOU CAN SEE THE PRESENTATION AND LISTEN TO "94 SECONDS" AT THE LINK BELOW:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bziFH5xVL7w&feature=youtu.be>

The presentation of Mozart's newly found piece "94 Seconds" was a very special moment. The Austrian Embassy is pleased to continue to cooperate with Mozarteum Hellas and we all hope that some cultural events can take place live again in 2021."

Dr. Tobias Debuch, CEO of The Salzburg Mozarteum Foundation, has highlighted during his Keynote Address:



Dr. Tobias Debuch, CEO of The Salzburg Mozarteum Foundation



Dr. Ulrich Leisinger, Head of the Research Department of The Salzburg Mozarteum Foundation

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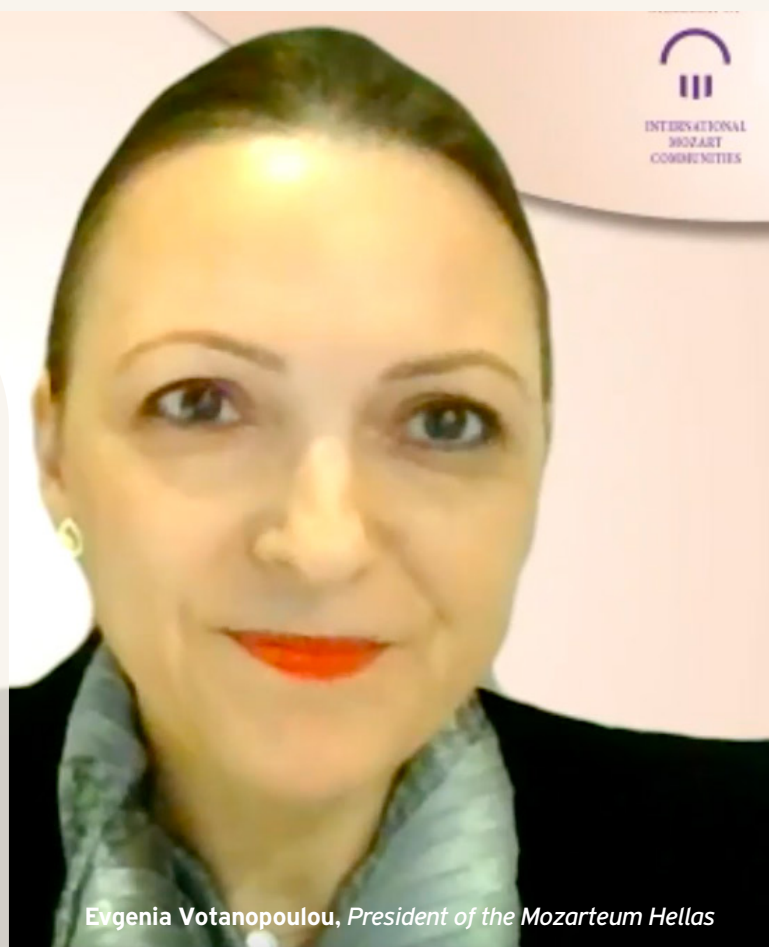
The President of the Mozarteum Hellas **Evgenia Votanopoulou**, has highlighted during her Welcome Speech:

"We need to focus on culture and music more than ever. We need the power of music more than ever and it is truly remarkable how much power, joy and light exist in only 94 seconds of Mozart's music!"

Mozarteum Hellas has been established on March 2019 and in June 2019 became a member of The International Mozart Communities.

Mozarteum Hellas has established the following goals:

- A.** Fostering classical music in Greece
- B.** Fostering and disseminating Mozart's music heritage
- C.** Organizing lectures, seminars, conferences, recitals, concert performances, workshops, music events related to Mozart's work and to other composers.
- D.** Creating and maintaining an archive of Mozart performances in Greece.
- E.** Collaborating closely with The Salzburg Mozarteum Foundation and its branches in other countries as a member of the International Mozart Communities



Evgenia Votanopoulou, President of the Mozarteum Hellas

with active participation in its various projects and activities. Such projects will have multiplying effects of synergy and networking.

- F.** Another important aspect of our aims is to advance music education in Greece. We want not only to make music education more visible in Greece but also to help and empower young talents and aspiring music professionals to strengthen their competences and capacities through scholarships and exchange programs.

15 & 19/07/2021

Mozarteum Hellas Participated at the 2021 Austrian-Greek Music Summer



For the first time Mozarteum Hellas participated at the 2021 Austrian-Greek Music Summer organised by the Austrian Embassy in Athens.

Two concerts of the program were under the auspices of Mozarteum Hellas namely the 30th Nafplion Festival (15 July) and the 21st International Pelion Festival (19 July).

In these concerts **Evgenia Votanopoulou** – piano, President of Mozarteum Hellas performed with **Dr Anja Morgenstern** – violin, Mozart Foundation Salzburg.

Mozarteum Hellas Participated at the 2021 Austrian-Greek Music Summer *(cont'd)*



The Austrian-Greek Music Summer 2021 took place for the sixth time this year. Fundamental ideas of the the Austrian-Greek Music Summer are the dialogue between Austrian and Greek artists. Musicians from both countries performed together in different locations around Greece.

FOR MORE INFORMATION YOU CAN VISIT:

<https://el-gr.facebook.com/AustrianGreekMusicSummer>



26/08/2021

Mozarteum Hellas President Spoke at the Online Conference of the LvivMozArt Festival 2021



Evgenia Votanopoulou, Mozarteum Hellas President spoke at the online conference of the Lviv MozArt Festival 2021 on the theme: “The Role of Mozart’s heritage as a key for international intercultural relations” held on Thursday 26 August.

The panellist discussed the following questions:

- 1) The Role of Mozart’s heritage for your city / country. What are the ways of popularization Mozart’s oeuvre in your city / country?
- 2) The Role of Mozart’s heritage as a key for international relations.



02/09/2021

Mozarteum Hellas Board Met with the New CEO of Mozarteum Foundation of Salzburg



On Thursday 2 September the newly appointed *CEO of Mozarteum Foundation of Salzburg*, **Rainer Heneis** met with the Mozarteum Hellas Board during his visit in Greece.

During the meeting the *President of Mozarteum Hellas*, **Evgenia Votanopoulou**, had the opportunity to present all recent activities of the organisation over the last year and the projects that Mozarteum Hellas plan to organise in the next months.

Both parties expressed the interest to strengthen the cooperation between Mozarteum Hellas and the Mozarteum Foundation of Salzburg.

26/11/2021

Mozarteum Hellas Participates in the 2021 Mozarttag



Mozarteum Hellas participated in the 142nd Mozart Day held virtually on Friday 26th November 2021. The organisation was represented by **Evgenia Votanopoulou**, *President* and **Dr Kostas Iatrou**, *Secretary General*. **Rainer Heneis**, *CEO of Mozarteum* made the presentation of the 2020/21 annual report.

H.E. Hermine Poppeller, *Ambassador of Austria in Athens*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and modern Austria

Still today – 266 years after his birth in Salzburg, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart is known virtually by everybody in Austria and all over the world. Most of the people in Austria can name at least a few of his compositions, they can recognize some of his pieces immediately. And his compositions are played in a lot of classical concerts in Austria and worldwide. Salzburg, his birthplace and hometown is famous because it is a very old town with wonderful buildings and churches – and because of classical music, the Salzburg festival and Mozart. The “Mozarteum University Salzburg” is one of the prestigious places for musical education not only in Austria but internationally. A lot of young talents from all over the world matured there to artistic personalities who are present on all the international musical stages. Mozart is an important part of our Austrian cultural heritage, part of the world cultural heritage, he is still very much alive with his music. Therefore it is good to hear that also in Greece there is a group of people who founded “Stiftung Mozarteum Hellas” in order to promote Mozarts oeuvre in Greece to make young musical talents aware of Mozarts works and to connect to all Mozart admirers all over the world.



What is the main target of the flagship program of the Austrian Embassy in the field of culture “Austrian Greek Music Summer” and how was it affected last year by the pandemic crisis?

The Austrian Greek Music Summer is an initiative of the Austrian Embassy in Athens that has taken place for the sixth time last year and which aims to connect young and established musicians from Austria and Greece, to introduce their music to a wider audience.

In 2021 from 5th July to 5th September the Austrian Greek Music Summer travelled through important landmarks in Greece.

We had planned 29 concerts, operas, quartets, piano and violin performances, hosted at 26 sites all over Greece!

Due to the Covid19 pandemic, 22 concerts could take place, three concerts were held online due to the Covid19 guidelines issued at short notice by the Greek government.

A total of 68 artists performed at concerts during this year’s Austrian-Greek Music Summer.

The music summer was able to reach a total of 5,790 visitors live, and the videos are only gradually being put online, so the overall reach cannot yet be estimated.

I would like to thank the culture-team at the Austrian Embassy, Deputy Head of Mission Dr. Martina Hermann and Mrs. Chara Mamata for the excellent preparation of all those events in so many places in Greece in the framework of the Austrian-Greek Music Summer!



It is a great honor and a pleasure for the Austrian Embassy that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic as well as the Ministry of Culture and Sports of the Hellenic Republic have given their auspices for the Austrian-Greek Music Summer this year, thereby expressing their appreciation for this initiative.

We are very grateful for the support of our sponsors Desserta/Alpiland, the Austrian Language Diploma as well as the company InformLykos, the highly talented musicians and the professional event partners.

We have already started to plan our program for 2022! Follow us on our facebook page for frequent updates and details for the concerts #austriangreekmusic-summer2021, @AustriainGreece #AustrianEmbassyAthens.

Which concerts were held in cooperation with Mozarteum Hellas?

Last summer we had a great cooperation in connection with two concerts on July 15th (in cooperation with the 30th International Festival in Nafplion), and on July 19th (in cooperation with the 21st International Pelion Festival) in the framework of the Austrian Greek Music Summer 2021.

A great thank you to the renowned violinist Ms. Anja Morgenstern who is also a member of the research staff of the Digital Mozart-Edition at the Mozart Foundation Salzburg from 2007, where she is responsible for the Online Edition of letters and documents of the Mozart family.

She participated in these two concerts together with Ms. Evgenia Vota-



On the photo from left to right: **Jannis Vakarelis**, Artistic Director of Nafplion Festival, **Dimitris Kostouros**, Mayor of Nafplion, **Evgenia Votanopoulou**, **Anja Morgenstern**, Consul **Christoph Reitingner**, **Kostas Iatrou**, SG Mozarteum Hellas.



Concert in Zagora on 19th July.

nopoulou, great pianist and President of Mozarteum Hellas who brought the music of Wolfgang Amadé Mozart closer to Greece.

This great composer has fascinated people all over the world for more than 250 years.

I would also like to thank Mr. Kostas Iatrou personally for the initiation of the cooperation. The Austrian Embassy will be happy to continue this cooperation in 2022.



From left to right: **Dimitris Karayannakidis**, Pelion Festival Artistic Director, **Panagiotis Koutsaftis**, Mayor Zagora Mouresiou, **Zoe Samsarellou**, Pelion Festival Artistic Director, **Evgenia Votanopoulou**, pianist and **Anja Morgenstern**, violin, FMC **Hermine Poppeller**, **Kostas Iatrou**, SG Mozarteum Hellas.

21/07/2021

2021 Mozarteum Hellas Summer Concert

Despite the challenging pandemic times Mozarteum Hellas hosted its annual Summer Concert on Wednesday 21 July. Her Excellency the *Ambassador of Austria in Athens, Mrs Hermine Poppeller* and *Her Excellency the Ambassador of Chile in Greece, Mrs Ximena Ares*, participated in the event.

Evgenia Votanopoulou, *President of Mozarteum Hellas*, performed for the first time in Greece the **new acquired 94 Seconds of New Mozart – The Allegro in D major for Piano, K. 626b/16**.

Young greek talented musicians:

Anastasia Pramateftaki, *1st violin*

Ioulia Babe, *bassoon*

Nikos Firgiolas, *1st violin*

Korina Traga, *2nd violin*

Larisa Vylegzhanina, *viola*

Christos Hatzinathanail, *violoncello*

performed the Quartet No. 19 in C major “Dissonance” – K. 465 (I. Adagio — Allegro), Quartet No. 15 in D minor – K. 421 (I. Allegro moderato) and Sonata for Bassoon and Cello – K. 292/arr. for Bassoon Quartet (Iain Farrington).

Finally, *violinist Vasilis Trapalis* performed the Violin Concerto No. 4 in D major – K. 218 (I. Allegro).



2021 Mozarteum Hellas Summer Concert (cont'd)



29/09/2021

Improvised on Mozart Tunes Jazz Concert

Mozarteum Hellas in cooperation with Ecali Club organised a concert on Wednesday 29 September. The event was under the auspices of Austrian Embassy in Athens.

Minister plen. Mag. **Dr. Martina Hermann**, Deputy Head of Mission represented the Austrian Embassy in Athens. The duet **DILEMMA**, inspired from the musical world of the great composer and creator Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, presented fragments from his works and rendered them through their musical idiom with an improvisational attitude. The saxophone and the guitar talked each other and the two musicians with their instruments renegotiated themes and moments of Mozart with a contemporary look.

DILEMMA:

Sotiris Tragas, *tenor saxophone* / **Poppy Dalachan**, *acoustic guitar*



The duo **DILEMMA**

16/12/2021

Christmas In The Sky



In collaboration with AIA, SKY EXPRESS organised a special festive evening at the amphitheater of the Basil and Elise Goulandris Foundation.

Guests enjoyed a unique concert under the auspices of the **Salzburg Mozarteum Foundation** and **Mozarteum Hellas** with the presence of *H.E. the Ambassador of Austria in Greece, Mrs. Hermine Poppeller*. The concert was conducted by the *principal second violinist of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra Prof. Tibor Kovac*, soloist and leader of virtual masterclasses powered by IDAGIO, with distinguished pianist and *President of Mozarteum Hellas Ms. Evgenia Votanopoulou-Iatrou*, featuring famous melodies by composers such as Mozart, Brahms, Massenet, Tchaikowsky, Kreisler and Bazzini.

The evening's hosts, SKY express and Athens International Airport, welcomed their guests – representatives of the biggest travel agencies in the country and the tourism sector – and invited them to “**come fly the Christmas SKY together**”. With these insuperable classic melodies in the background, the airline of the new age assured its guests that its journey will continue dynamically into 2022, since during the past year SKY express has spread its wings even further by connecting with major European cities. In fact, it is now considered one of the most successful case studies in the aviation industry.

Source: Athens International Airport (text & photos)

Christmas In The Sky (cont'd)

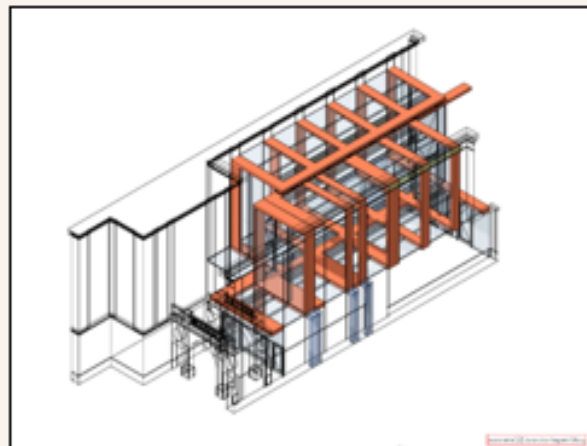
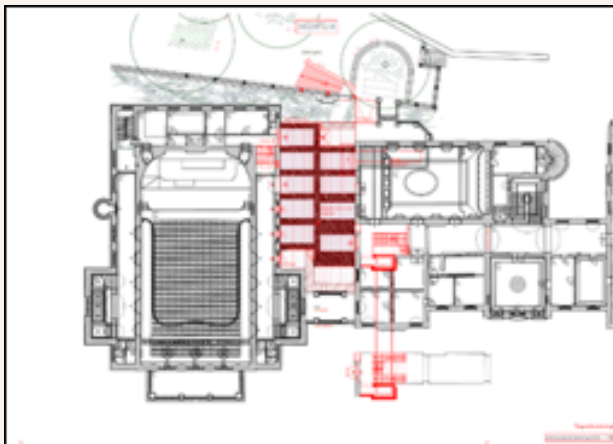


The new Great Foyer and the renovated Great Hall of the International Mozarteum Foundation

The historical building of the International Mozarteum Foundation was inaugurated in 1914 and it has offered ever since one of the finest concert halls in Europe, the Great Hall. The acoustics of the Great Hall, as confirmed by many experts, are outstanding.

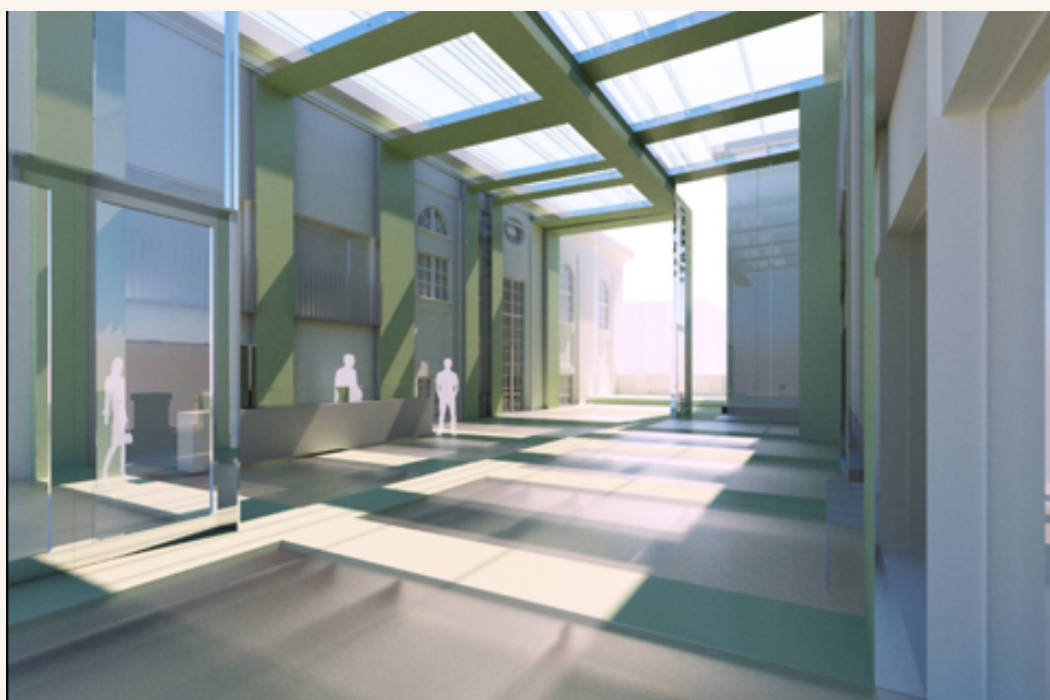


Unfortunately, the original building project did not foresee any foyer for intervals. The room used for years as a foyer was a storage room, according to the original plan. The about 20 m² large room was however clearly too small for all concert guests (the Great Hall can host up to 800 people). The International Mozarteum Foundation launched therefore an international architectural competition in 2018 to start a project for a suitable interval foyer. The design by the Salzburg architects Maria Flöckner and Hermann Schnöll emerged as the winner. Their project creates an airy, light glass-steel construction that connects the two parts of the Mozarteum building.



The new Great Foyer and the renovated Great Hall of the International Mozarteum Foundation *(cont'd)*

With the new construction of the Grand Foyer, the Salzburg Mozarteum Foundation is setting an important and long-awaited milestone in its 140-year history. The new Great Foyer forms a large, elegant, modern, bright room. It offers over 350 m² of new usable surface and thus sufficient space for all visitors of the Great Hall and the Vienna Hall during the concert breaks. The reconstruction and modernization works will also enable barrier-free access to the entire Mozarteum.



The new Great Foyer and the renovated Great Hall of the International Mozarteum Foundation *(cont'd)*

Part of the reconstruction project is also the modernization of the Great Hall with renewed seating, optimised lighting, sound and ventilation. At the end of the project, Salzburg will have one of the most modern concert halls in Europe!

Due to increase in raw material prices and building costs, the renovation of the Great Hall needs additional funding. One fundraising campaign has already started, **“My building stone for Mozart”**. Donors can acquire a symbolic building stone and have their name honoured on a public donor plaque.



A new project will start soon: **“My seat for Mozart”**. Donors can sponsor the renewed seating of the Great Hall. With a small donation, their name will be honoured with a plaque on a seat of their choice. The new Mozarteum building will be inaugurated in October 2022 with great celebrations for all the city of Salzburg and especially all the donors.



The new Great Foyer and the renovated Great Hall of the International Mozarteum Foundation *(cont'd)*

LATEST PICTURES FROM THE CONSTRUCTION SITE

Installation of the steel construction between the two Mozarteum buildings.



The new Great Foyer and the renovated Great Hall of the International Mozarteum Foundation *(cont'd)*

REMOVAL OF THE GREAT HALL SEATS FOR THEIR RENOVATION



New leadership since summer 2021: Rolando Villazon is the Artistic Director and Rainer Heneis the General Manager of the Mozarteum Foundation Salzburg

Rainer Heneis has been General Manager of the Mozarteum Foundation since July 2021. The trained business graduate and long-time Media and Cultural Manager has already been successfully working at the Mozarteum Foundation since 2019 and was responsible for marketing and communication as Chief Marketing Officer/CMO.

Rolando Villazon has expanded his responsibilities in Salzburg and has been appointed Artistic Director of the Mozarteum Foundation. In addition to his previous duties as Artistic Director of the Mozart Week and as the Mozarteum Foundation's international Mozart Ambassador, Villazon now also has overall responsibility for the ongoing concert activities and all artistic activities of the Mozarteum Foundation.

Following the decision of the previous General Manager, Tobias Debuch, to leave the Mozarteum Foundation in autumn 2021, the Executive Board of the Mozarteum Foundation is delighted to have a competent dual leadership as the management structure in the Foundation. "In these particularly difficult times for the Mozarteum Foundation, we are happy to have found a management solution from our own ranks in Rainer Heneis and Rolando Villazon. Knowledge and experience, outstanding commitment, creativity and continuity are the criteria for the Mozarteum Foundation to successfully develop our institution and lead it into the future," says the President of the Mozarteum Foundation, Johannes Honsig-Erlenburg.



Rolando Villazon celebrated his 50th birthday with famous companions in Salzburg: Placido Domingo, Magdalena Kozena, Michael Volle, Regula Mühlemann, Fatma Said, Charles Castronovo and 1,500 visitors celebrated the birthday boy

Cheers and standing ovations for birthday boy Rolando Villazon on the eve of his 50th birthday in the sold-out Haus für Mozart in Salzburg: the Artistic Director of the Mozarteum Foundation and of the Mozart Week celebrated his milestone birthday on 21 February with a distinguished circle of friends at an opulent gala concert in the Haus für Mozart. Companions from the past 25 years sang and performed for and together with Rolando Villazon, including world star Placido Domingo, mezzo-soprano Magdalena Kozena, sopranos Regula Mühlemann and Fatma Said, tenor Charles Castronovo and baritone Michael Volle accompanied by the Camerata Salzburg with Giedre Slekyte on the podium.

The audience in the sold-out Haus für Mozart enjoyed the entertaining gala concert with touching arias and duets by Mozart, Verdi and Rossini as well as zarzuela, swinging songs from operetta and a selection of popular songs from Europe and Mexico, such as the catchy tunes “Funiculi, Funiculà” or “Cielito lindo”.

After the concert, Rolando Villazon invited family, friends, companions and long-time partners to dinner. The birthday boy was further celebrated with Wiener Schnitzel with cucumber salad - one of Rolando Villazon’s favourite dishes. The Mozarteum Foundation presented a facsimile - dedicated to “the great Mozart and philanthropist Rolando Villazon”. The Governor of Salzburg Wilfried Haslauer surprised the jubilarian with the State Medal of Honour. Mariachis ended the birthday celebration in style with sounds from Villazon’s Mexican homeland at the midnight closing time.

The evening was a fundraiser in aid of the Mozarteum Foundation Salzburg, which has been hit hard financially by the effects of the Covid 19 pandemic. The foundation is pleased to have received a nice five-figure sum. The birthday gala was recorded for TV and broadcast on arte and Austrian TV ORF III.



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Great thanks to all the partners!