



VIENNA CLASSICAL PLAYERS

Founded by Martin Kerschbaum in 2003, the Vienna Classical Players orchestra brings together musicians who generally also play in other renowned Viennese orchestras. While the Classical music of Mozart, Haydn and Beethoven is the backbone of the Vienna Classical Players' repertoire, the different formations of the ensemble are also at home in a wide range of other eras, from Baroque to Romantic works to contemporary compositions.

Thanks to the exceptionally high commitment of its musicians, who play with joy and enthusiasm, the orchestra featured at the Athens Festival in Greece and at the Ivo Pogorelich Festival in Germany. The Mozart Year 2006 marked the orchestra's debut in Japan and a highly acclaimed performance at the Vienna Konzerthaus. Numerous international events abroad from 2007 to 2010 took the Vienna Classical Players to San Marino, Malta, Italy, Turkey, France and to Pécs in Hungary, the European Capital of Culture in 2010. In additional to its international performances, the orchestra plays several concerts in Austria every year. After their first performances within the chamber music cycle of the Vienna Symphony Orchestra at the Vienna Musikverein in 2003, the Vienna Classical Players appeared at numerous musical events around Austria: the Wörthersee Festival in Klagenfurt (Carinthia), the Haydnfestspiele in Eisenstadt (Burgenland), the Weinklang Festival Raiding (Burgenland), the Landecker Musikwochen (Tyrol) and at Burg Perchtoldsdorf (Lower Austria). Concerts like the concert performance of Mozart's opera Bastien und Bastienne and performances in the Classical Music series of the Jeunesse Musicale youth music organization have repeatedly taken the group back to the Vienna Konzerthaus.

Several recordings bear witness to the versatility and broad repertoire of the Vienna Classical Players. In 2006, Orfeo International released two CDs with Mozart violin concerts featuring Vienna Philharmonic leader Rainer Honeck as the soloist.

Nearly every year since 2007, the Vienna Classical Players have featured on a double CD recording in the "precious music" series produced in cooperation with the Oesterreichische Nationalbank.

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