

a cappella

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Dear a cappella Audience,

At the 2023 festival, we were finally able to bring ensembles and fans together again in the real world as the city's a cappella soul resounded once more. And now, as we celebrate the 23rd a cappella Festival Leipzig, we've become more international than ever! For the very first time, we're hosting ensembles and music from Taiwan and Albania, and we're also welcoming two multinational ensembles dedicated to early music and vocal jazz. You can also look forward to vocal music from Finland as well as a special programme by the Orlando Consort featuring a silent film about Joan of Arc with live accompaniment consisting of music from the Early Renaissance. Then there's the foremost a cappella comedy group from the region of Hesse, a German-Austrian entertainment partnership in the opening concert, a new lecture on the human voice, and – at long last again! – the International a cappella Contest. As you can see, there's plenty to explore, including some fascinating collaborations!

Enjoy!
amarcord and the a cappella team

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Oh Donna Clara – Evergreens for the advanced

As usual, the festival hosts will open the a cappella Festival Leipzig with a recital revealing a new facet of their music. In addition, they'll be accompanied by musical guests from Austria, Die Österreichischen Salonisten – a small but remarkably active salon ensemble. Songs spanning the period from the 1920s to the 1950s will be performed in arrangements specially created for this line-up of five singers and six instrumentalists. Music once made famous by the likes of Rudi Schuricke and Friedrich Holländer will feature in this lively, entertaining programme of German-language classics and popular songs upcycled from old 78s!

FRIDAY | 28 APRIL 2023 | 8PM

LEIPZIG GEWANDHAUS, MENDELSSOHN HALL

Standard	Cat. I €30	Cat. II €25
Concessions*	Cat. I €24	Cat. II €20

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Photo: Kuvaja

KUVAJA FINLAND

Sylii

The Nordic countries have long been an inexhaustible source of vocal music with fantastic richness and powerful emotions. During the 23rd a cappella Festival Leipzig, specially arranged songs from Finland and beyond will be performed by the group Kuvaja. Formed in Helsinki in 2017, the quintet are united by their belief in the healing power of music. In their recitals, they aim to create personal, heart-warming sounds and unforgettable, intimate moments for the audience. Consequently, the name of the programme 'Syli' reflects the 'safe womb' conjured up by Kuvaja's music. So let's cuddle up amid the heartfelt sounds of a new Finnish group on the a cappella horizon as they make their German debut.

SATURDAY | 29 APRIL 2023 | 8PM

STADTBAD

Standard	€25
Senior citizens/Leipzig Card	€20
Concessions*	€14

U-BAHN KONTROLLÖRE IN TIEFGEFRORENEN FRAUENKLEIDERN

GERMANY

Photo: Sim Gannetty Clarke



Family concert

We've seen quite a bit of a cappella comedy at the festival's family concerts in recent years. Can it possibly be topped at this year's a cappella? We're afraid it will! After all, the 'Metro Inspectors in Frozen Women's Dresses' (to translate their bizarre German name) are like no other vocal group. Having caused a commotion when they first began in 1992, they remain something of a cult group. With frequent costume changes, and putting everything from Maya the Bee to Rage Against the Machine through the a cappella mincer, this ensemble from the region of Hesse never fail to be a barrel of laughs on stage with their sensational songs and endless wry humour. And at the a cappella Festival, the long-standing Duracell bunnies of the genre will even be giving a family concert! Heaven knows where it will all lead!

SUNDAY | 30 APRIL 2023 | 3PM

SCHAUSPIEL LEIPZIG

Adults	€15
Under-18s	€2

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Photo: UBK

U-BAHN KONTROLLÖRE IN TIEFGEFRORENEN FRAUENKLEIDERN GERMANY

30 Years of Hardcore A Cappella

The 'U-Bahn Kontrollöre' are living legends in the German a cappella scene. Always somewhat singular and never afraid to cross the barriers of the genre (not to mention taste!), their sharp, funny and ingenious shows and songs have helped shape a cappella comedy in Germany and set the bar high. Officially, the quintet retired in 2009, only occasionally coming out of the woodwork for performances in their home region of Hesse. But they clearly couldn't resist the call of the **a cappella** Festival, and so roundabout 30 years after their very first appearance, the five cult bards will be performing in Leipzig for the second time! Poised somewhere between genius and satire, songcraft and self-mockery, the quintet will make for a memorable evening and let rip with their 'hard-core a cappella' as if they'd never been away!

SUNDAY | 30 APRIL 2023 | 8PM

SCHAUSPIEL LEIPZIG

Standard €30
Senior citizens/Leipzig Card €24
Concessions* €18

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THE ORLANDO CONSORT GROSSBRITANNIEN

Photo: UBK



The Passion of Joan of Arc – silent film with live a cappella music

We're overjoyed to be welcoming the Orlando Consort from the UK in their final active year to the **a cappella** Festival again. This time, they'll be combining vocal music with cinema at Schaubühne Lindenfels. In this internationally acclaimed programme, the singers will accompany Carl Theodor Dreyer's 1928 silent movie 'The Passion of Joan of Arc' with vocal music from the Renaissance. For this film based on Joan of Arc's trial, they'll exclusively perform compositions written during her lifetime in the early 15th century by well-known composers such as Dufay and Binchois, as well as several other contemporaries. This special performance will strikingly blend exquisite sounds and images to create an experience taking us back to the era of silent movies over a century ago – yet with cappella singing!

MONDAY | 1 MAY 2023 | 8PM

SCHAUBÜHNE LINDENFELS

Standard €22
Senior citizens/Leipzig Card €18
Concessions* €14

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free seats



Photo: L'ultima Parola

L'ULTIMA PAROLA INTERNATIONAL

Josquin's immortality

L'ultima parola emerged in 2019 from a project of musica universalis concerts by musician and author Clemens Goldberg. This prompted the members, already known to each other for years from collaborations in various outstanding international early music ensembles, to start their own group. Their first CD promptly won the German Record Critics' Award. Their programme for **a cappella** 23 is based on Josquin's 'Chansons de Regretz' and the then widespread notion of planetary influences on music. This performance by L'ultima parola will be a live reenactment of Josquin's endeavour to surpass his music with exquisite inventiveness and compositional processes based on the proportions in the universe – and his desire to achieve 'immortality' through its lasting influence.

TUESDAY | 2 MAY 2023 | 8PM

PAULINUM

Standard €25
Senior citizens/Leipzig Card €20
Concessions* €14

free seats

13TH INTERNATIONAL A CAPPELLA CONTEST LEIPZIG

Photo: Holger Schneider



Having been forced to take an extended break, the International **a cappella** Contest Leipzig can now finally go ahead for the 13th time! And about time too, because up-and-coming groups can't wait to introduce themselves to a cappella fans, while we can't wait to see and hear them and give them a stage! Interested ensembles are invited to apply until **9 January 2023** (all necessary information on the application at www.a-cappella-wettbewerb.de). Regardless of their stylistic preferences and musical background, newcomers in the a cappella scene will be coming together in Leipzig to vie for the favour of the audience and the jury, chaired once again by Simon Carrington. Moreover, they'll have an opportunity with the other participants to receive valuable input for their future progress. There are two public performances and other competition events where you, too, can witness the development of these young ensembles live!

WEDNESDAY | 3 MAY 2023 | 1PM

THURSDAY | 4 MAY 2023 | 11AM

LEIPZIG GEWANDHAUS, MENDELSSOHN HALL

Admission €5

free seats



Photo: Voco Novo

VOCO NOVO TAIWAN

Vibes of Formosa

This year, we're excited to be welcoming one of Taiwan's leading vocal groups to Leipzig. Voco Novo's songs and arrangements are often influenced by vocal jazz, sometimes take a detour into the world of pop, yet they're always infused with melodies, themes and colours of home. Soon after the group was founded, they won a string of awards at a cappella competitions in Taipei, Tampere and Graz. Besides the vocal scene in Asia, they've also thrilled audiences in central Europe, Scandinavia and the USA. Voco Novo plan to take the audience on a journey where music can be seen and images heard. We can't wait to see and hear these superb a cappella ambassadors from Asia!

WEDNESDAY | 3 MAY 2023 | 8AM

KUPFERSAAL

Standard €25
Senior citizens/Leipzig Card €20
Concessions* €14

free seats

ALBANIAN ISO- POLYPHONIC CHOIR ALBANIA

Photo: AIPC



The wonders of Albanian polyphony

UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity includes Albanian folk iso-polyphony – a traditional form of vocal music that's especially cultivated in the south of the country and deserves our attention. Performed by the Albanian Iso-Polyphonic Choir, it features polyphonic singing in Albanian against a background sung as a drone. It can therefore be compared to the traditional songs of the Mediterranean region, the power of which has already been demonstrated at the **a cappella** Festival Leipzig in the past. It's therefore high time to explore this corner of both south-east Europe and the world of song in Leipzig!

THURSDAY 4 MAY 2023, 8PM

EVANGELICAL-REFORMED CHURCH

Standard €22
Senior citizens/Leipzig Card €18
Concessions* €12

free seats



Photo: Sören Wurch

A CAPPELLA MASTERCLASS

The **a cappella** Masterclass puts the activities of the vocal ensembles taking part in the festival and competition programme under a microscope. The young ensembles entering the International **a cappella** Competition are given an opportunity to work on their repertoire, technique, stage presence and much more with the guidance of an experienced a cappella singer and teacher. What's more, the audience and the other groups can watch this process and hear the results. Accordingly, the Masterclass provides thrilling insights and a cappella inspiration for everyone involved. We're delighted that the 2023 Masterclass will once again be conducted by Stephen Connolly, who spent 20 years in the King's Singers and founded the International A Cappella School 15 years ago.

FRIDAY | 5 MAY 2023 | 10AM

KUPFERSAAL

Participation only for competition ensembles
Public admitted, admission free

free seats



Photo: Holger Schneider

A CAPPELLA SHOWCASE

The **a cappella** Showcase is a vista of emerging talent in the world of vocal music. In a separate concert, all the vocal ensembles taking part in the 2023 International **a cappella** Contest will be appearing again with a brief excerpt from their repertoire. With the competition pressure off, the atmosphere will be far more relaxed. Moreover, with the singers having attended the a cappella Masterclass held by an experienced a cappella professional, their creativity will be firing on all cylinders. As a result, we can look forward to an exciting concert full of versatility and surprises. There's no better place to be for anyone who wants to hear as wide a range of a cappella music as possible!

FRIDAY | 5 MAY 2023 | 5PM

KUPFERSAAL

Standard €15
Rentner €10
Concessions* €8

free seats



Photo: Cheng Kai-Hang/Karima

ACCENT INTERNATIONAL

Six singers. Five countries. One sound.

Accent are a special a cappella group of today. The six accomplished singers, arrangers and instrumentalists all made music alone for a while and introduced themselves on the internet as solo artists. But being mutual admirers of each other's work, at some stage they decided to join forces – and the six singers from five different countries on two continents started an ensemble together. For over a decade now, they've been recording music and touring Europe, America and Asia together to great success, performing vocal music very much in the tradition of Take 6 and The Hi-Lo's. Accent's great obsession is vocal jazz, and they've become an international a cappella supergroup with extraordinary proficiency, arrangements and harmonies – just listen for yourself!

FRIDAY | 5 MAY 2023 | 8PM

WERK 2, HALLE A

Standard €35
Senior citizens/Leipzig Card €28
Concessions* €20

free seats



Photo: Sören Wurch

FINAL CONCERT

Highlights

Every year, the a cappella Festival Leipzig culminates in a grand finale in the Gewandhaus when five ensembles from the past week come together to demonstrate the diversity and cohesion of the festival and the **a cappella** world itself in a manner that can be heard far and wide! The programme comprises music of great depth and range with enormous colour, richness, and mastery. Although we can't reveal all the performers yet, what we can tell you at this stage is that the ensembles appearing will make this concert as international as possible – and that it will of course feature the festival hosts amarcord and the winners of the International **a cappella** Contest Leipzig. But remember – tickets for the final concert always sell out very quickly!

SATURDAY | 6 MAY 2023 | 7PM

LEIPZIG GEWANDHAUS, GREAT HALL

Standard Cat. I €60 Cat. II €45 Cat. III €32 Cat. IV €25
Senior citizens/Leipzig Card Cat. I €49 Cat. II €38 Cat. III €27 Cat. IV €19
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www.a-cappella-festival.de



Ticket information: www.a-cappella-festival.de

Ticket sales start on December 1, 2022

The ticket prices stated include booking fees.
A booking fee may be charged for tickets purchased online.

* Pupils, students, trainees, the unemployed, federal Volunteers, severely disabled people, holders of the Leipzig Pass on presentation of the personal ID. For the concert on April 28, 2023 in the Mendelssohn Hall of the The Gewandhaus discount rules apply. All statements without guarantee.

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