

Culture is where you are

Kultursommer Wien: 26.6.-10.8.2025

The Kultursommer Wien once again brings the contemporary art and culture scene of our city to the stage. During the seven-week open-air festival, around 2000 artists from various genres will showcase the issues that move people in Vienna and beyond.

Art & culture for everyone in public spaces

With over 500 acts from cabaret, literature, music, performance, dance, theater and contemporary circus, the cultural festival presents an impressive program with free admission for the sixth time. "Kultursommer Wien welcomes everyone and brings art and culture to parks and squares all over Vienna. This way, we also reach people who otherwise have little access to institutional cultural offerings - the festival can be a cultural door opener," explain the two managing directors Caro Madl and Siglind Güttler. The event makes the city visible as a social fabric and promotes the democratization of culture through decentralized locations.

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Under this year's motto "Culture is where you are", Grätzl residents, travelers and interested parties can experience Viennese songs, acrobatics, solo theater, salsa, live podcasts, house dance and more during the festival from Thursday to Sunday between 6:30 pm and 9 pm. "Kultursommer Wien offers a stage for Vienna's diversity and has established itself as an important part of our city's cultural scene. It celebrates creativity and social interaction in front of, on and behind the stage and creates meeting places that bring together different audiences," reports Mayor Michael Ludwig.

Sustainable open-air festival & new solar stages

On the way to the Österreichisches Umweltzeichen, Kultursommer Wien is taking further important steps towards sustainable event organization. This year, the festival is focusing on innovative energy supply with solar-powered stages - solar panels on the stage roof supply electricity to the venues in Währinger Park and at Nordwestbahnhof. Kultursommer Wien also wants to create cool retreats in response to the urban heat load. City Councillor for Culture Veronica Kaup-Hasler emphasizes: "Overheating is not only relevant in terms of climate policy, but also socially. Offers such as the Vienna Summer of Culture make art, culture and leisure in public spaces accessible to everyone - regardless of income. This strengthens social cohesion and sets an example for fair, sustainable cultural provision."

Locations of the pop-up stages 2025

- **NEW:** Waldmüllerpark (10th district)
- **NEW:** Nordwestbahnhof (20th district)
- **NEW:** Fußballverein 1210 (21st district)
- **NEW:** Stadtpark Atzgersdorf (23rd district)
- Hyblerpark (11th district)
- Wilhelmsdorfer Park (12th district)
- Reithofferpark (15th district)
- Währinger Park (18th district)
- Schrödingerplatz (22nd district)

Opening concert, choir evenings & jazz brunch

The festive opening of Kultursommer Wien takes place once again this year against the backdrop of Vienna's Giant Ferris Wheel: Conductor Petr Popelka, Thomas Quasthoff, Lemo, soprano Alina Wunderlin and The Flying Schnörtzenbrekkers will enchant the audience at the Prater Picnic of the Wiener Symphoniker. With a varied additional program in cooperation with the Film Festival auf dem Wiener Rathausplatz, Kultursommer Wien also brings music to the heart of the city. Two choir evenings are dedicated to pop and rock as well as timeless classics of music history. The Jazz Brunch will take place for the first time this summer, featuring musical highlights and talents from the Austrian jazz scene.

Opening concert: June 26 and 27, from 7:30 pm, Kaiserwiese in the Prater

Choir evenings: July 19 and 20 from 6:30-8 pm, Rathausplatz

Jazz Brunch: June 29 to August 31, every Sunday, 12-14 pm, Rathausplatz

Connecting generations: Children's program & garden concerts at the retirement home

The Kultursommer presents a colourful program for the whole family. On selected days, the children's program invites you to creative adventures on various stages from 10:30 a.m. - but young visitors are also welcome to attend the evening acts. Residents will embark on a journey full of music and nostalgia in 29 houses to live directly in their own gardens: As part of the garden concerts, it's not just pensioners who can enjoy musical delicacies and Viennese song classics - everyone is welcome to enjoy the live music that creates connections across generations. Registration for the garden concerts is possible via www.kwp.at/kultursommer2025.

Artistic, democracy-strengthening participatory formats from Kultursommer Plus

Kultursommer Plus focuses on participation - from workshops and open art stations to picnics. At street art formats, Performance & Draw, Styling Corner or the Connection Kiosk, everyone is invited to try out creative forms of expression, meet new people and share artistic perspectives on the city and society. The interactive stations create spaces for encounters that strengthen democracy beyond one's own bubble. The children's festival in cooperation with WIENXTRA-Ferienspiel and Hollis Grätzltour is also taking part: every Saturday it tours Vienna and offers a colorful experience for young and old with a stage program, children's book picnics and hands-on activities. The entire participatory program is available at www.kultursommer.wien/kultursommerplus.

Building cultural bridges with new main sponsor PORR

Culture for all - this is the idea behind Kultursommer Wien, which has been realized for six years with the generous support of the City of Vienna. The festival is also delighted about the growing support from individual districts, which makes a valuable contribution to low-threshold access to culture and lively neighborhoods. With 2025, Kultursommer Wien has PORR as its main sponsor. Karl-Heinz Strauss, CEO of PORR AG, emphasizes: "As a construction company, we don't just build buildings, we create living spaces. Art and culture are part of this - they bring people together and enliven the city. The Vienna Summer of Culture is a valuable initiative that fits perfectly with our self-image as a responsible partner for a diverse city worth living in."

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