

LUCERNE FESTIVAL IN SUMMER



Der Ring des Nibelungen

Lucerne is a Wagner city. For six years – from 1866 to 1872 – the composer resided at the Villa Tribschen. This was a decisive period for him artistically as well as personally. It was here that he completed *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg* and resumed work on *The Ring of the Nibelung*, composing both the third act of *Siegfried* and *Götterdämmerung*. Wagner's Lucerne years also represented a turning point in his personal life. He moved into his new home on Lake Lucerne with Cosima von Bülow, whom he then married on 25 August 1870 in the Protestant parish church. And it was in Tribschen that two of the couple's three children – their daughter Eva and son Siegfried – were born.

To mark the composer's 200th birthday, LUCERNE FESTIVAL is presenting the first complete performance of the *Ring* cycle in the Wagner city of Lucerne, with the English conductor Jonathan Nott, the Bamberg Symphony Orchestra, and internationally acclaimed Wagner singers, including Albert Dohmen as Wotan, the ruler of the gods, Petra Lang making her role debut as Brünnhilde, Torsten Kerl as Siegfried, Klaus Florian Vogt in the role of Siegmund, and the Russian bass Mikhail Petrenko in a threefold assignment as Fafner, Hunding, and Hagen. This concert presentation of the epoch-making work will enable us to focus on Wagner the musical revolutionary. The highly acclaimed acoustics of the KKL Lucerne's Salle blanche concert hall will bring out the sonic details and nuances of Wagner's astounding orchestration with a transparency that has not been heard before. By dispensing with scenery we are, in effect, following Wagner's final wishes: "Having created the invisible orchestra, I should like to invent the invisible stage as well!" declared this visionary artist in 1878, two years after founding the Bayreuth Festival...

To supplement the *Ring* – and together with the Swiss Richard Wagner Society – we are also offering an attractive program of special related events involving excursions, museum visits, and walking tours in Wagner's footsteps. In this brochure you can find complete details about individual events and our *Ring* subscription series, as well as about how to order tickets.

200 Years of Wagner
The Ring in Lucerne

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The Program

Friday, 30 August | 7.30 p.m. | KKL Lucerne, Concert Hall
Symphony Concert 10 – Ring 1

Richard Wagner *Das Rheingold*
Preliminary evening of the stage festival play *Der Ring des Nibelungen*
Concert performance
Price (in CHF) 240/200/150/100/60/30

6.00 p.m. | Introduction with Susanne Stähr (in German) | Auditorium

Saturday, 31 August | 5.00 p.m. | KKL Lucerne, Concert Hall
Symphony Concert 11 – Ring 2

Richard Wagner *Die Walküre*
First day of the stage festival play *Der Ring des Nibelungen*
Concert performance
Price (in CHF) 240/200/150/100/60/30

4.15 p.m. | Introduction with Susanne Stähr (in German) | Auditorium

Monday, 2 September | 5.00 p.m. | KKL Lucerne, Concert Hall
Symphony Concert 13 – Ring 3

Richard Wagner *Siegfried*
Second day of the stage festival play *Der Ring des Nibelungen*
Concert performance
Price (in CHF) 240/200/150/100/60/30

4.15 p.m. | Introduction with Susanne Stähr (in German) | Auditorium

Wednesday, 4 September | 5.00 p.m. | KKL Lucerne, Concert Hall
Symphony Concert 15 – Ring 4

Richard Wagner *Götterdämmerung*
Third day of the stage festival play *Der Ring des Nibelungen*
Concert performance
Price (in CHF) 240/200/150/100/60/30

4.15 p.m. | Introduction with Susanne Stähr (in German) | Auditorium

Artists

Richard Wagner
Der Ring des Nibelungen
A stage festival play to be performed in three days and a preliminary evening

Bamberg Symphony Orchestra
Berlin Radio Choir (led by **Eberhard Friedrich**)
Jonathan Nott conductor

Albert Dohmen Wotan | The Wanderer
Thomas Laske Donner
Thomas Blondelle Froh
Adrian Eröd Loge
Mikhail Petrenko Fafner | Hunding | Hagen
Christoph Stephinger Fasolt
Johannes Martin Kränzle Alberich (*Das Rheingold*)
NN Alberich (*Siegfried* und *Götterdämmerung*)
Peter Galliard Mime
Elisabeth Kulman Fricka | Waltraute (*Götterdämmerung*)
Meagan Miller Freia | Sieglinde
Christa Mayer Erda
Martina Welschenbach Woglinde | Ortlinde | Third Norn
Ulrike Helzel Wellgunde | Waltraute (*Die Walküre*) | Second Norn
Zoryana Kushpler Flosshilde | Schwertleite | First Norn
Klaus Florian Vogt Siegmund
Petra Lang Brünnhilde (*Die Walküre* und *Götterdämmerung*)
Eva Johansson Brünnhilde (*Siegfried*)
Danielle Halbwachs Gerhilde
NN Helmwige
Katja Pieweck Siegrune
Kismara Pessatti Grimgerde
NN Rossweisse
Torsten Kerl Siegfried
Sophie Bevan The Wood Bird
Michael Nagy Gunther
Jutta Böhnert Guttrune

Special Related Events

Friday, 30 August | 6.00 p.m. | KKL Lucerne, Auditorium
Introduction to Richard Wagner’s Stage Festival Play *Der Ring des Nibelungen* with Susanne Stähr (LUCERNE FESTIVAL’s dramaturg) (in german)
A survey of the genesis, philosophy, and reception of Wagner’s tetralogy including an introduction to *Das Rheingold*
Free admission with concert ticket| limited seating| duration: ca. 60 min.

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Saturday, 31 August | 11.00 a.m.
Discover Wagner’s Lucerne!
A walking tour in the footsteps of Richard Wagner
Tour led in German and English| duration: ca. 1½ hours
Price CHF 35 | pre-registration required | 2 groups.

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Saturday, 31 August | 4.15 p.m. | KKL Lucerne, Auditorium
Introduction to Wagner’s *Die Walküre* with Susanne Stähr (in german)
Free admission with concert ticket| limited seating| duration: ca. 20 min.

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Monday, 2 September | 11.00 a.m.
Discover Wagner’s Lucerne!
A walking tour in the footsteps of Richard Wagner
Conducted in German and English | duration: ca. 1½ hours
Price CHF 35 | pre-registration required | 2 groups.

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Monday, 2 September | 4.15 p.m. | KKL Luzern, Auditorium
Introduction to Wagner’s *Siegfried* with Susanne Stähr (in german)
Free admission with concert ticket| limited seating| duration: ca. 20 min.

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Tuesday, 3 September | 10.00 a.m. | Richard Wagner Museum
Onboard Musical Party to Meggenhorn Castle via Tribtschen
Travel by boat from Tribtschen with the vessel Nauen to Meggenhorn. Demonstration of the Welte Philharmonie organ, a mechanical self-playing instrument from 1926 followed by an aperitif on the castle terrace. Return trip to Tribtschen. Concert on Wagner’s Érard grand piano in the Richard Wagner Museum.
For the ascent to the castle (ca. 10 minutes) good footwear is required.
Price CHF 90 | pre-registration required | duration: ca. 4½ hours

Wednesday, 4 September | 11.00 a.m. | Richard Wagner Museum
Discover Wagner’s Tribtschen!
A walking tour in the footsteps of Richard Wagner
A tour of the Richard Wagner Museum in Tribtschen followed by a concert on Wagner’s Érard grand piano
Patrizio Mazzola piano
Tour in German | duration: ca. 1¾ hours
Price CHF 70 | pre-registration required

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Wednesday, 4 September | 4.15 p.m. | KKL Lucerne, Auditorium
Introduction to Wagner’s *Götterdämmerung* with Susanne Stähr (in german)
Free admission with concert ticket| limited seating| duration: ca. 20 min.

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Thursday, 5 September | 11.00 a.m.
Discover Wagner’s Zurich!
A walking tour in the footsteps of Richard Wagner
Conducted in German | duration: ca. 1½ hours
Price CHF 35 | pre-registration required
Participants are responsible for their own transportation to Zurich as well as for the cost of the rail ticket.

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Thursday, 5 September | 3.00 p.m.
Discover Wagner’s Zurich!
A walking tour in the footsteps of Richard Wagner
Conducted in English | duration: ca. 1½ hours
Price CHF 35 | pre-registration required
Participants are responsible for their own transportation to Zurich as well as for the cost of the rail ticket.

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These events are offered by LUCERNE FESTIVAL in collaboration with the Swiss Richard Wagner Society.

Your Ring Subscription

Wagner Premiere in Lucerne

Experience the complete Ring cycle for the first time in Lucerne. Book your tickets immediately so you can take advantage of our early-booking bonus!

The Ring Subscription								
Date Time		Event	Category Price (in CHF)					
			A	B	C	D	E	F
Fri, 30.08.	19.30	Das Rheingold	240	200	150	100	60	30
Sat, 31.08.	17.00	Die Walküre	240	200	150	100	60	30
Mon, 02.09.	17.00	Siegfried	240	200	150	100	60	30
Wed, 04.09.	17.00	Götterdämmerung	240	200	150	100	60	30
Price for the Ring Subscription			960	800	600	400	240	120

Subscriber Benefits

- Ring tickets are available as a subscription before general sales begin
- Exclusive introduction to the work with Jonathan Nott for the first 200 subscribers
- Program books free of charge with your ticket for each of the four performances
- Preferential consideration when registering for our special related events

Early-Booking Bonus

The first 200 subscribers will receive a personal invitation to an exclusive introduction to the work by Jonathan Nott on Saturday, 23 March 2013, at 2.30 p.m. in the KKL Lucerne (expected duration of c. 3 hours). Using a piano, Nott will introduce leitmotifs from Wagner's Ring and discuss their significance.

Event closed to the general public. Your tickets for the Ring cycle include your personal invitation to attend.



Program Overview

Friday, 30 August		
18.00 – 19.00	Introduction to Wagner's <i>Der Ring des Nibelungen</i> (German)	A
19.30	Symphony Concert 10 – Ring 1 Richard Wagner <i>Das Rheingold</i>	KS
Saturday, 31 August		
11.00 – 12.30	Discover Wagner's Lucerne! (German/English)	
16.15 – 16.35	Introduction to Wagner's <i>Die Walküre</i> (German)	A
17.00	Symphony Concert 11 – Ring 2 Richard Wagner <i>Die Walküre</i>	KS
Monday, 2 September		
11.00 – 12.30	Discover Wagner's Lucerne! (German/English)	
16.15 – 16.35	Introduction to Wagner's <i>Siegfried</i> (German)	A
17.00	Symphony Concert 13 – Ring 3 Richard Wagner <i>Siegfried</i>	KS
Tuesday, 3 September		
10.00 – 14.30	Onboard Musical Party to Castle Meggenhorn via Tribschen	RWM
Wednesday, 4 September		
11.00 – 12.30	Discover Wagner's Tribschen!	RWM
16.15 – 16.35	Introduction to Wagner's <i>Götterdämmerung</i> (German)	A
17.00	Symphony Concert 15 – Ring 4 Richard Wagner <i>Götterdämmerung</i>	KS
Thursday, 5 September		
11.00 – 12.30	Discover Wagner's Zurich! (German)	
15.00 – 16.30	Discover Wagner's Zurich! (English)	

A KKL Lucerne, Auditorium | **KS** KKL Lucerne, Concert Hall |
RWM Richard Wagner Museum, Richard-Wagner-Weg 27, 6005 Lucerne (Tribschen)

Tickets and Information

The Ring Subscription: Book your complete Ring cycle now before general ticket sales begin

Ring subscriptions can be ordered starting now by sending the order form via post, fax, or e-mail. Orders which we receive by 17 December 2012 and which are paid using a credit card can be processed in time for delivery before Christmas. Orders will be processed in the sequence in which they are received. Categories are subject to availability.

The Ring: Book individual concerts starting on 4 March 2013

Starting on this date, orders for individual concerts in the Ring cycle will be processed in the sequence in which they are received.

The Ring: Special Related Events

Starting now you can register for the special related events by filling out the order form and sending it to us via post, fax, or e-mail. We ask for your understanding that a minimum number of participants is required for these events to take place. The participants will be notified accordingly. To confirm registration, bank or credit card information is required. Specific information on event venues will be sent to participants after registration is confirmed.

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Order Form

Ring Subscription – All Four Performances

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The Ring subscription can be ordered starting now.

Der Ring des Nibelungen – Individual Performances

		Category CHF (please check)						Quantity	Total Price
		Cat. 1 240	Cat. 2 200	Cat. 3 150	Cat. 4 100	Cat. 5 60	Cat. 6 30		
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31.08.	Die Walküre	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
02.09.	Siegfried	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
04.09.	Götterdämmerung	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
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Individual Ring cycle concerts can be purchased beginning with the official start of advance sales on 4 March 2013.

Related Events

Date Time	Event	Price	Quantity	Total Price
31.08. 11.00	Lucerne city tour (German)	CHF 35		
31.08. 11.00	Lucerne city tour (English)	CHF 35		
02.09. 11.00	Lucerne city tour (German)	CHF 35		
02.09. 11.00	Lucerne city tour (English)	CHF 35		
03.09. 10.00	Onboard party to Tribschen/ Meggenhorn Castle / Concert	CHF 90		
04.09. 11.00	Tour of the Richard Wagner Museum / Concert	CHF 70		
05.09. 11.00	Zurich city tour (German)	CHF 35		
05.09. 15.00	Zurich city tour (English)	CHF 35		

Registration for special related events is possible starting now by filling out the order form and sending it to us via post, fax, or e-mail.

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Date

Signature

- ☐ Please send me an invoice for the full invoice amount plus a handling fee of CHF 10.00 (CHF 15.00 for orders outside Switzerland).
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