



BEETHOVENFEST BONN

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Three Days of Public Screening at the Beethovenfest Bonn 2010

A live transmission and two films on Münsterplatz at the opening weekend

2007 saw the first live transmission of a Beethovenfest concert from the Beethovenhalle to the Marktplatz. 2,000 spectators celebrated a South American fiesta to the sounds of the Simón Bolívar Youth Orchestra of Venezuela conducted by Gustavo Dudamel. The concert itself, as well as the preparations in Caracas, were documented by Enrique Sánchez Lansch for the film "The Promise of Music", which Deutsche Welle presented at the Beethovenfest Bonn the following year. This year for the first time, a three-day public screening at the Beethovenfest Bonn will open with extracts from this documentary by Deutsche Welle in co-operation with Unitel Classica on 10 September 2010.

José Antonio Abreu is the patron of the Beethovenfest Bonn 2010, which will run from 10 September to 9 October under the motto "Into the Open. Utopia and Freedom in Music". He was the initiator of "El Sistema", which produced Gustavo Dudamel and the Simón Bolívar Youth Orchestra of Venezuela. "The Promise of Music" portrays the worldwide success of the Venezuelan "Sistema". From 7.15 p.m. excerpts from the film can be seen on a big screen on Münsterplatz in Bonn as an opener to the three-day public screening. These will be followed by a recording of the concert at the Beethovenfest Bonn 2007, when Gustavo Dudamel conducted the Simón Bolívar Youth Orchestra of Venezuela for Beethoven's Symphony No. 3 along with works by South American composers.

The number of fans turning up for the public screenings of the Beethovenfest has more than doubled since the premiere in 2007: last year 4,500 music lovers heard and watched the live transmission of the concert given by Paavo Järvi and the Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen in the Beethovenhalle. On the second evening of this year's public screening on 11 September, Paavo Järvi and the Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen as "Orchestra in Residence" can be heard live once more. The concert with Sol Gabetta as soloist in Robert Schumann's cello concerto will be transmitted live from the Beethovenhalle to Münsterplatz. Schumann can also be heard after the interval; to mark his bicentenary, the

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Beethovenfest Bonn 2010 is focusing on his work. Paavo Järvi will be conducting his Symphony No. 2. The Schumann works will each be preceded by overtures: the concert will open with the Overture No. 3 to the opera "Leonore" op. 72a, and the symphony will be preceded by the overture to Salvatore Viganò's ballet "The Creatures of Prometheus". During this concert the Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen will be awarded the 2010 "Preis der Deutschen Schallplattenkritik" [German Gramophone Critics' prize]. The warm-up programme on the stage on Münsterplatz begins at 7.15 p.m. The anchorwoman for the evening will be Meike Krüger of Deutsche Welle, who will also be presenting the programmes on 10 and 12 September.

The Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen has been "Orchestra in Residence" at the Beethovenfest since 2004. Every year, the orchestra, conducted by Paavo Järvi, plays a Beethoven symphony, while at the same time Sony Music are releasing SACD recordings of all nine Beethoven symphonies. During their five-year residency, the Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen and Paavo Järvi prepared the complete cycle of nine symphonies as the culmination of the Beethovenfest Bonn 2009. The performance of all nine symphonies on four successive evenings in September 2009 was recorded by Deutsche Welle in co-operation with Unitel Classica Live for a DVD production. Alongside excerpts from the concerts, it includes a 90-minute musical documentary entitled "Das Beethoven-Projekt" directed by Christian Berger of DW-TV. Extracts from this documentary will be shown at the Beethovenfest public screening on 12 September from 7.30 p.m., and will be followed by recordings of the performances of Beethoven's First and Ninth Symphonies.

The three-day public screening at the opening weekend of the Beethovenfest Bonn 2010 is being staged by Deutsche Post DHL, Sparkasse KölnBonn, Deutsche Welle and the retailers in Bonn city centre. Admission to all three events from 10 to 12 September is free of charge. The public screenings of the Beethovenfest Bonn are taking place this year on Münsterplatz, as repairs to the Old City Hall have made it impossible to erect a large stage on Marktplatz.

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