



BEETHOVENFEST BONN

Worldwide Broadcast of the Beethoven Symphony Cycle at the Beethovenfest Bonn

Concerts by the Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen conducted by Paavo Järvi in co-operation with Deutsche Welle as a multimedia experience worldwide in cinemas, as live streaming, on the radio, as podcasts and on DVD

Since 2004, the Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen has been “orchestra-in-residence” at the Beethovenfest Bonn. Every year, the orchestra from Bremen, under its chief conductor Paavo Järvi, has performed a Beethoven symphony. After five years of intense work, the residency is culminating at the Beethovenfest Bonn 2009 in the chronological performance of **all nine Beethoven symphonies** spread over four successive evenings from 9 to 12 September.

In order that not just the Beethoven fans in the Beethovenhalle itself will have the opportunity to enjoy the performances by Paavo Järvi and the Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen, as they have done for the past five years, the concerts at the Beethovenfest Bonn 2009 will be available **in a wide variety of media**. Thus those interested will be able to experience all four concerts on their computers: it will be streamed **live on the internet** under www.dw-world.de/beethoven, additionally under www.rondomagazin.de.

On the Marktplatz in Bonn, too, music-lovers will be able to enjoy the last concert in the cycle, with the Eighth and Ninth Symphonies, on 12 September live and free of charge: it will be transmitted direct from the Beethovenhalle to a **public screening** on the Marktplatz. The programme on the stage set up specially in the square will begin an hour before the concert. From 7pm Deutsche Welle presenter Corinna Wolters, known to DW-TV viewers from the programme “euromaxx”, will introduce a warm-up sequence. The Beethovenfest Bonn is organizing the big-screen live transmission in co-operation with Deutsche Welle and with the support both of Deutsche Post DHL and of retailers in central Bonn.

Cinema-goers in Germany, Belgium, France, Iceland, Spain and the Czech Republic can also enjoy the big-screen experience of the four concerts given by the Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen conducted by Paavo Järvi at the Beethovenfest Bonn 2009. **Cinemas** in Halle, Nuremberg, Nantes, Madrid, Valencia, Granada, Prague,

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Antwerpen and many other cities in Europe will be screening one or more of the concerts of the Beethoven symphony cycle live from the Beethovenfest Bonn 2009.

The cinema transmissions are being organized by the Beethovenfest Bonn in a pilot project in collaboration with My Screenevent and DW-TV. The outstanding sound and picture quality in Full-HD and Dolby digital 5.1 in cinema auditoriums is possible because DW-TV in co-operation with Unitel Classica Live is recording the complete Beethoven cycle for a **DVD production**. The four concerts in the Beethovenhalle Bonn are being filmed with eight cameras. The 90-minute musical documentary "Das Beethoven-Projekt" [The Beethoven Project] is being created alongside recordings of the concerts. This film will focus on Paavo Järvi and other selected musicians. They will attempt to put across their enthusiasm for Beethoven's music and will give insights into the inner life of an orchestra. The film will be shown in 2010 on DW-TV and Premiere classica, and will also be available on DVD.

The film documentation of the Beethoven symphony cycle is the result of the five-year residency of the Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen at the Beethovenfest, in which the performance of all nine symphonies was prepared at the highest level. Bonn, as the city of Beethoven's birth, has thus been able to assert itself ahead of other locations such as Salzburg and Paris, where the Beethoven symphony cycle has also been performed to great public acclaim.

The First, Second and Third Symphonies will be performed on 9 September in the Beethovenhalle Bonn starting at 8pm, followed on 10 September by the Fourth and Fifth. Christian Tetzlaff, Tanja Tetzlaff and Lars Vogt are the soloists in Beethoven's "Triple Concerto", which will be performed between the two symphonies. Elisabeth Leonskaja will play the Piano Concert No. 1 in C major op. 15 on 11 September between the Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen's performances of Symphony No. 6 (the "Pastoral") and Symphony No. 7.

On the final evening of the Beethoven symphony cycle Paavo Järvi will be conducting the Eighth and Ninth Symphonies. The soloists in the fourth movement of the Ninth are Christiane Oelze, Annely Peebo, Simon O'Neill and Dietrich Henschel, with the chorale provided by the Deutscher Kammerchor.

The Westdeutscher Rundfunk and Deutsche Welle radio will be broadcasting the symphony cycle worldwide (not live), while a few days after the concerts Deutsche Welle will be making a **podcast** available on the web, which can be accessed under www.dw-world.de/beethoven. Deutschlandradio Kultur is broadcasting the concert of 10 September in Germany live.

Exclusive to the Beethovenfest Bonn, the last of the **CDs** of the complete symphony cycle by the Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen under Paavo Järvi will appear on SACD from Sony/BMG: the performance of the Ninth Symphony.

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Web links:

www.dw-world.de/beethoven: Live-streaming of the four concerts, from 8pm CEST and Podcasts with extracts from the concerts

www.rondomagazin.de: Live-streaming of the four concerts, from 8pm CEST

<http://www.sonymasterworks.com/artist/paavo-jarvi/> Complete Beethoven symphony cycle recording from Sony/BMG

Deutschlandradio Kultur is broadcasting the concert of 10 September in Germany live, WDR3 is broadcasting the concerts in Germany at 8.05pm on 7, 10, 14 and 17 October.

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