

Press Release

Deutsche Welle: Live Video Stream from the Beethovenfest

- **Beethoven 500,000 times as a podcast**
- **Brazil partner country at the Orchestra Campus**
- **Commissioned work by a Brazilian composer**

On 11 September, Deutsche Welle will present a live video stream (at www.dw-world.de/beethoven) allowing music fans throughout the world to experience parts of a concert given at the start of this year's Beethovenfest in Bonn. They will be able to hear and see the Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen conducted by Paavo Järvi playing works by Beethoven and Schumann.

Last year, the entire cycle of symphonies by Ludwig van Beethoven was presented for the first time in this way, live on the Internet in the digital concert hall.

Deutsche Welle will present excerpts from 30 concerts at the 2010 Beethovenfest as podcasts and audio-on-demand. This includes the opening concert given by the Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen. Users will also be able to experience artists such as Gabriela Montero, Martin Grubinger and Daniel Hope on the Internet.

Since autumn 2009, music lovers from all over the world have used audio presentations from the Beethovenfest in Bonn on the Deutsche Welle website more than 500,000 times.

Deutsche Welle also presents concert recordings from the years 2001 to 2009 on the Internet. These include the Beethoven cycles of 2008 and 2009 with Paavo Järvi and the Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen and Kurt Masur with the Orchestre Nationale de France. There are also musicians such as the Beaux Arts Trio, the pianists Elena Bashkirova and Paul Lewis and the Beethoven Orchester Bonn, along with outstanding young orchestras from Russia, Egypt, South Africa, China, Georgia, Poland, Turkey, Ukraine and Vietnam. The young musicians performed at the Orchestra Campus run by Deutsche Welle and the Beethovenfest. The orchestras play symphonies by Beethoven, as well as contemporary compositions that DW commissioned from young composers in the respective countries.

This year, at the suggestion of Deutsche Welle, the Sinfónica Heliópolis of the Instituto Baccarelli from São Paulo will perform at the Orchestra Campus of the Bonn

Beethovenfest. This orchestra of 80 young musicians was founded in 1996 at the initiative of Silvio Baccarelli. The district of Heliópolis after which the orchestra of the institute is named is the largest slum of the state of São Paulo, with around 130,000 inhabitants, and is one of the most densely populated districts in Brazil and South America as a whole.

As part of the Orchestra Campus, Deutsche Welle is commissioning a piece from the Brazilian composer André Mehmari. His work for orchestra, which he has titled "Cidade do Sol" (City of Sun) after the name of the orchestra from Heliópolis, will be premiered by the Sinfónica Heliópolis on 4 October 2010 in Bonn. The Beethovenfest, in partnership with Deutsche Welle, plans a return visit in São Paulo in spring 2011. With the backing of the Mozarteum Brasileiro, a music foundation that organises concert series across the country, the Sinfónica Heliópolis will present the results of the workshop in Germany.

As a special media partner, Deutsch Welle makes the Beethovenfest in Bonn a global multimedia event in German and other languages: www.dw-world.de/Beethoven

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