

Beethoven anniversary goes into overtime **BTHVN2020 exceeds its initial course, runs projects until September 2021**

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The celebrations in honour of Ludwig van Beethoven's 250th birthday will continue until September 2021. This was agreed on by the supervisory board of Beethoven Jubiläums GmbH at its meeting this Friday. This will allow the creative potential of BTHVN2020 to continue to unfold, despite the restrictions imposed by the COVID 19 pandemic.

"With BTHVN2020, a versatile and broadly effective anniversary programme has been created, which has not only attracted attention and recognition in the region, but also nationally and even worldwide. All the more reason why we have all been affected by the severe cutbacks caused by the COVID 19 pandemic. As a clear sign of appreciation for Ludwig van Beethoven and for the importance of culture in general, we have today unanimously decided to extend the jubilee. It is of great interest to us that as many of the projects planned can be realized. Above all, we would like to offer all those involved in the anniversary program the opportunity to present their program, which has required a great deal of creativity, time and effort", explains Dr. Günter Winands, Head of the Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and the Media and Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Beethoven Jubiläums GmbH.

Thus, Beethoven's 250th baptismal day, December 17, 2020, shall not to mark the finale, but a highlight of the celebrations of the Bonn-born composer. The Beethoven Jubiläums GmbH currently continues to adhere to the concert planned for this day with Daniel Barenboim and the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra, with the Federal President as patron of the anniversary in attendance.

The multifaceted program BTHVN2020 runs under the motto of "Rediscover Beethoven" and includes over 300 projects.

Updates in the program planning are reflected in the central event-calendar at www.BTHVN2020.de/en.

About the Beethoven Jubiläums GmbH: *Beethoven's 250. anniversary will be celebrated worldwide. The Beethoven Jubiläums GmbH, affiliate of the Beethoven-Haus Foundation, is supported by the federal government, the land of North Rhine-Westphalia, the city of Bonn and the Rhein-Sieg-district and is instructed to coordinate a national program. Patron of the anniversary program with the slogan "Rediscover Beethoven" is the German federal president Frank-Walter Steinmeier. The program spans about 300 projects. Here you can find a current overview of the events www.bthvn2020.de/en*

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