

## Today: All Nine Beethoven Symphonies from Nine European Cities

### Successful start in Beethoven's birthplace Bonn

Bonn, 6th of June 2021

\*\*\*Pictures of the event for free publication can be found here:

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The German-French culture channel ARTE is broadcasting all nine of Beethoven's symphonies from nine European cities today, June 6, 2021, until 10:30 p.m. (CEST). The extraordinary musical journey started today on the occasion of the great Beethoven anniversary BTHVN2020 in Beethoven's birthplace Bonn. In the arcade courtyard of the Electoral Palace/Kurfürstliches Schloss (today's university), the renowned Mahler Chamber Orchestra, led by star conductor Daniel Harding, performed the 1st Symphony in C major as well as the "Leonoren" Overture III.

"Beethoven's music expresses what it means to be human and what it means to be fellow human beings. The European symphony marathon, which symbolically started today in the Beethoven city Bonn, connected musicians and music lovers from 9 countries. The Mahler Chamber Orchestra conjured up a real goosebump moment for us in the very place where Beethoven himself used to make music, after months of silence and isolation - the first concert with an audience as an unforgettable sign of respiration for culture!", says Malte Boecker, artistic director of Beethoven Jubiläums GmbH and organizer of the concert in Bonn. The WDR, the cultural partner of the anniversary, broadcasted the event live for ARTE today.

The concert series can still be seen live on ARTE until 10:30 p.m. (CEST) as well as online at [bthvn2020.de/en](http://bthvn2020.de/en) (in German) and in six languages on [ARTE Concert. WDR 3](http://ARTE Concert. WDR 3) is focusing on the start of the European program in Bonn until 3:00 p.m. in the radio program "Persönlich mit Daniel Hope: Beethoven - Raritäten und Bekanntes mit der Live-Übertragung aus Bonn" (in German).

The stations, conductors, and orchestras - All Nine Beethoven Symphonies from Nine European Cities

Bonn > 13.00 > Symphony No. 1

Daniel Harding and the Mahler Chamber Orchestra live from the Arkadenhof of the Kurfürstliches Schloss in Bonn

Dublin > 14.00 > Symphony No. 2

Jaime Martín and the RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra from the National Concert Hall in Dublin

Helsinki > 15.00 > Symphony No. 3

Nicholas Collon and the Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra live from the Tempeliahaukio Church in Helsinki

Luxembourg > 16.00 > Symphony No. 4

Gustavo Gimeno and the Orchestre Philharmonique du Luxembourg with a live performance at the Philharmonie

Prague > 17.00 > Symphony No. 5

Steven Mercurio and the Czech National Symphony Orchestra live from the Old Town Square in Prague

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Lugano > 18.00 > Symphony No. 6

Diego Fasolis and the Schweizer Kammerorchester I Barocchisti on the shores of Lake Lugano

Delphi > 19.00 > Symphony No. 7

Teodor Currentzis with musicAeterna live from the ancient Greek theatre at Delphi / Choreography by Sasha Waltz

Strasbourg > 20.15 > Symphony No. 8

Marko Letonja and the Orchestre Philharmonique de Strasbourg live from the Presqu'île André Malraux in Strasbourg

Vienna > 21.00 > Symphony No. 9

Karina Canellakis and the Wiener Symphoniker live from Schloss Belvedere in Vienna

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**About Beethoven Jubiläums GmbH:** Beethoven's 250. anniversary is celebrated worldwide. The Beethoven Jubiläums GmbH, an 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 President of the Federal Republic of Germany Frank-Walter Steinmeier. The celebrations will continue up to and including September 2021. An up-to-date overview of the projects can be found in the calendar of events at [www.bthvn2020.de/en](http://www.bthvn2020.de/en)