

From Bonn to the world: Broadcast “Anniversary Concert” with Daniel Barenboim and speech by the German president Frank-Walter Steinmeier

17th Dec. 2020 - Live broadcast in honour of Ludwig van Beethoven's 250th birthday from the Bonn Opera House

Bonn, December 15th, 2020

(CET) 08.05 p.m. – Radio and radio stream: WDR3 (free of charge) and <https://www1.wdr.de/radio/wdr3/index.html> (free of charge), ARD and EBU radio stations (free of charge).

08.15 p.m. – TV: 3Sat (free of charge), Deutsche Welle TV programme (free of charge), other EBU stations (free of charge)

08.15 p.m. – Stream: www.bthvn2020.de (free of charge), www.wdr.de (free of charge), www.west-eastern-divan.org (free of charge)

08.15 p.m. – Youtube: “WDR Klassik” <https://www.youtube.com/wdrklassik> (free of charge), Google Arts&Culture https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGn7dlcAmH44GqycKa_3ssA (free of charge)

08.15 p.m. – Facebook: WDR 3 <https://de-de.facebook.com/wdr3> (free of charge), BTHVN2020 www.facebook.com/BTHVN2020 (free of charge)

10.15 p.m. – TV: WDR Broadcast (free of charge)

The world-famous pianist and conductor Daniel Barenboim and his renowned West-Eastern Divan Orchestra will perform with a top-class cast at the Bonn Opera. The programme includes Beethoven's 3rd Piano Concerto in C Minor op. 37 and the Symphony No. 5 in C Minor op. 67.

The short welcoming speech will be delivered by Frank-Walter Steinmeier, President of the Federal Republic of Germany, who is the patron of the Beethoven anniversary. The “Anniversary Concert” is organised by Beethoven Jubiläums GmbH in cooperation with WDR as cultural partner, which will broadcast the programme EBU and worldwide on radio and television as well as online. WDR is the national and international lead broadcaster for the ARD Beethoven Year.

About the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra:

The West-Eastern Divan Orchestra has been an established name in the international music world for more than 20 years. Daniel Barenboim founded it together with Edward W. Said in 1999 with the aim of facilitating dialogue between the different cultures of the Middle East through the experience of making music together. With the Beethoven Symphony, the orchestra has performed in the world's great concert halls: in Berlin and New York, in Asia and South America, at the Salzburg Festival and the famous BBC Proms.

Programme schedule on the radio (CET)

08.04 p.m.	Start and attunement
08.15 p.m.	Official Start
From 08.20 p.m.	Short welcoming speech by Frank-Walter Steinmeier President of the Federal Republic of Germany
Followed by	Piano Concerto in C minor op. 37
After 9.00 p.m.	Symphony No. 5 in C minor op. 67

Schedule and times are subject to change at short notice.

Photo material (final rehearsal) for journalists from approx. 04:00 p.m.:

https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1Pt3tjBrN-9U-zr9VY_T0nrnHShzJOaMp

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*