The Beethovenfest Bonn

The Beethovenfest Bonn is the highlight of the year for the City of Bonn and its outlying region.

Every year the Festival presents from 50 to 60 concerts with distinguished, internationally renowned artists, ensembles and productions. Each concert is also a social event at which prominent figures from the worlds of politics, business, culture and civic society gather together. Many receptions and exclusive invitations provide opportunities for valuable informal encounters with business partners.

To the present day Ludwig van Beethoven has been considered one of the great innovators of music history. He was born in Bonn in 1770, and the city will celebrate his 250th birthday in 2020. Beethoven left behind traces in his native town that are still visible today. His birth house and the Beethovenfest Bonn, held every year in September, bear witness to the 22 years during which he left his mark on Bonn, and vice versa. His musical genius and humanist convictions were rooted in the Enlightenment attitudes at the court of Elector Max Franz; his love of nature was born in the Rhine Valley and the picturesque scenery of Bonn’s environs. Both were formative for his music, even in his late works of the Vienna years.