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## 47th Dresdner Musikfestspiele broaden »HORIZONS« from May 9 to June 9, 2024

Embrace the new, go beyond the well-trodden paths: The **Dresdner Musikfestspiele** ventures into a visionary year of discovery with the motto »HORIZONS.« In the **47th festival season** from **May 9 to June 9, 2024**, Director **Jan Vogler** invites us to broaden our horizons and presents a program of **60 events**, which will allow the diverse musical world to blossom in **21 venues** in and around Dresden.

Rock icon **Sting** and his band will play some of his greatest hits in the Dresden Messe. And with **Laufey**, the festival welcomes a newcomer for her Dresden debut, who manages to reignite a love for sentimental jazz music with young audiences. A new format will be »**The Night of the Young Stars**,« where renowned mentors, such as **Till Brönner**, **Sarah Willis**, and **Martin Grubinger**, invite the next generation of musicians onto the stage. The opening concert with the **Koninklijk Concertgebouworkest & Klaus Mäkelä**, as well as the final event with the **Czech Philharmonic & Jakub Hrůša** form the world-class classical framework for **32 lively festival days**.

*»The public reception of classical music is changing. This could be the biggest transformation in almost one hundred years. We let ourselves be inspired by this and explore new horizons together with our fantastic audience in 2024. I am looking forward to one of the most colorful years since the festival's foundation,«* says **Jan Vogler**, Director of the Dresdner Musikfestspiele.

With **25 debuts** and a total of **four world premieres**, the 2024 Dresdner Musikfestspiele once again proves to be a festival of immense innovative appeal. The continuation of »**The Wagner Cycles**,« which launched earlier this year with Richard Wagner's »Das Rheingold«, further bears witness to this. Now follows the second part of this grand-scale dialogue between art and science with the concert production of »**Die Walküre**,« clad in the historical sound of Wagner's time with the **Dresdner Festspielorchester** and **Concerto Köln** under the baton of **Kent Nagano**.

The Dresden-based **electro-pop duo Ätna** will, for the first time, put together a program with the **Dresdner Kapellsolisten**. With **Daniel Hope** (violin) and **Jan Vogler** (cello), two outstanding soloists and artistic directors from Dresden will perform with the **Deutsches Symphonie-Orchester Berlin** under **Anna Rakitina** at the Frauenkirche. Further broaden the musical horizon in the coming year will world renowned musicians and orchestras, such as the **Royal Stockholm Philharmonic Orchestra** under **Manfred Honeck** with **Daniel Lozakovich** (violin), **Elena Urioste & Chineke! Orchestra**, **Philippe Herreweghe** and the **Collegium Vocale Gent** as well as **Abel Selaoe & Bantu Ensemble**, **Stacey Kent** (jazz singer), **Igor Levit** (piano), **Jane Monheit** (jazz singer), **Jeanine De Bique** (soprano) and **Anoushka Shankar** (sitar).

*»More than 45 years after its foundation, the Dresdner Musikfestspiele has become a magnet for audiences and artists from around the world. It contributes significantly to the reputation of Saxony as a cultural hub. And so, it is with pleasure that the Ministry of Culture supports the festival*



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*with funds from the state budget in 2024. With the new program, Jan Vogler has again invited celebrated artists of international standing to Dresden and will attract tens of thousands of guests from around the world to Dresden and Saxony once more. And therefore, the Dresden Musikfestspiele is not only an exceptional cultural event, but also a major tourism attraction for the state of Saxony,« says **Barbara Klepsch**, Saxon State Minister for Culture and Tourism.*

*»In 2024, the Dresden Musikfestspiele will once more become a hub of musical crossover. When Synth-pop meets chamber music on the stage and different characters from German mythology encounter pop icons, the city's festival enriches the city of music Dresden. Together with the festival team, artists, and audience, I am already looking forward to the festival season in May and June 2024,« says **Annekatriin Klepsch**, Councillor for Culture, Science, and Tourism of the City of Dresden.*

*»Dresden enters a state of musical passion when Classical music fans from far and wide flock to the city. Its diverse and exciting program makes the Dresden Musikfestspiele a shining music festival of international renown with a strong sense of identity,« says **Henrik Oliver von Oehsen**, company spokesperson of the Ostsächsische Sparkasse Dresden.*

The Dresden Musikfestspiele is an institution of the State Capital of Dresden. It is funded by the Saxon State Ministry of Science, Culture, and Tourism and financed in part on the basis of the budget passed by the State Parliament of Saxony.

**The 47th Dresden Music Festival takes place from May 9 to June 9, 2024.**

**Ticket sales start on November 27, 2023:**

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