

## 3<sup>RD</sup> GUSTAV MAHLER FESTIVAL STEINBACH AM ATTERSEE

Mahler, Folk Art and *Des Knaben Wunderhorn*

“[Poetry] that distinguishes itself considerably from any other type of ‘literary poetry’ and could almost more aptly be characterized as nature and life than art.”

- Mahler on the folk poetry collection *Des Knaben Wunderhorn*

Early in his life, Mahler discovered *Des Knaben Wunderhorn*, a collection of folk poetry that exerted a considerable influence on his vocal works for nearly 20 years. What was his fascination with this relatively old book (1806)? Why did this urbane, abundantly complex composer seek out the art of the people? This year’s Festival program takes a closer look at this literary work and the folk art of the turn of the century, thereby illuminating both Mahler’s creative output and his time.

### MAHLER AND STEINBACH AM ATTERSEE

Gustav Mahler arrived in Steinbach am Attersee for the first time in the summer of 1893. The breathtaking surroundings worked wonders for Mahler’s creativity, inspiring half a dozen songs and most of two enormous symphonies (2nd and 3rd) composed over the course of four summers (through 1896) in a specially built hut at the water’s edge. Today the “Komponierhäuschen“, as it is known in German, has become a point of attraction for Mahler lovers all over the world.

### GUSTAV MAHLER FESTIVAL STEINBACH

The Gustav Mahler Festival in Steinbach is an annual celebration held on the composer’s birthday (7 July) that presents musical gems as well as cultural and historical insights into this unique historical place. The program purposefully sets aside time for all participants to interact with one another and to enjoy the astounding natural setting in order to celebrate the many facets of Mahler’s inspiration.



Komponierhäuschen

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### TICKET SALES

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Open choice of seats.

The organizer reserves the right to hold places for guests of honor.

The box office at the concert venues opens 1 hour before the concert begins.

Admission 30min before the concert.

Program subject to change.

### TICKET PRICES

Mahler and Folk Poetry in Song and Text, Gasthof Föttinger **05 July** € 25,-

Song Recital Steinbach, Gustav Mahler Saal **06 July** € 25,-

Folk Music of the Monarchy, Open Air Steinbach **07 July** € 25,-

Matinee Concert “Symphony No 4“, Gustav Mahler Saal **08 July** € 25,-

Festival pass: **all 4 events** € 95,- incl. program notes (DE)

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# GUSTAV MAHLER FESTIVAL 2018

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*Des Knaben Wunderhorn*

05 - 08 July  
Steinbach am Attersee



# PROGRAM 2018

## Mahler, Folk Art and Des Knaben Wunderhorn



THU, 5 July

### FESTIVE OPENING

5:00pm - Mahler Composing Hut, Seefeld - Free Admission

Opening of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Gustav Mahler Festival and Special Admission 2018

with Marina Mahler (granddaughter of the composer), Dr. Morten Solvik (Festival Director), Mayor Nicole Eder, et al.

and the Folklore Children Dancing Group of the Schobastoana

### MAHLER AND FOLK POETRY IN SONG AND TEXT

6.30pm - Gasthof Föttinger, Seefeld - Ticket € 25,-/person

*Songs and Reflections by Mahler*

Birgid Steinberger, Soprano

Deirdre Brenner, Piano

Roman Blumenschein, Reading

### LECTURE GUSTAV MAHLER AND UPPER AUSTRIA

10.30am - Steinbach am Attersee, Center - Free Admission

Lecture by Prof. Dr. phil. Franz Willnauer (in German)

### EXHIBITION & DISCUSSION FOLK CULTURE AS ART AND RITUAL

2.00pm - Steinbach am Attersee, Center - Free Admission

Opening of the Exhibition and Discussion (in German)

with representatives from politics, culture and science

Exhibition from 6 to 11 July 2018

Christian-Ludwig-Attersee-Saal at the Steinbach center

Opening hours will be posted

FRI, 6 July

### RECITAL

#### WUNDERHORN SETTINGS BY MAHLER AND OTHER COMPOSERS

7:30pm - Gustav Mahler Saal, Seefeld - Ticket € 25,-/person

Susan Zarrabi, Mezzo-soprano

Alexander York, Baritone

Deirdre Brenner, Piano

SAT, 7 July

### MUSICAL ADVENTURE HIKE

#### IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF GUSTAV MAHLER AND DES KNABEN WUNDERHORN

12:00pm - Meeting point Steinbach Center - Free Admission

*As we take a roughly three-hour walk through Steinbach's forests and along fields rich in diverse plant-life we will be presented with poems from "Des Knaben Wunderhorn" ("The Youth's Magic Horn"), the folk collection that held a deep fascination for Gustav Mahler, who set dozens of them to music (in German).*

Event partner: Naturpark Attersee-Traunsee

### OPEN AIR CONCERT WITH RUDI PIETSCH FOLK MUSIC OF THE MONARCHY

5:00pm - Steinbach am Attersee/Church - Ticket € 25,-/person

*Set in the impressive natural scenery surrounding the Steinbach presbytery there awaits you an authentic evening of folk culture with fresh, invigorating music by Prof. Rudi Pietsch and his "Tanzgeiger" as well as performances by the guys and gals of the Gebirgstrachtenerhaltungsverein D'Schobastoana (The Society for the Preservation of Traditional Alpine Costumes), who have specially prepared old, nearly forgotten folk dances that were danced and sung in Mahler's time. (Held in the Gustav Mahler Saal in case of inclement weather.)*

Open Air with Rudi Pietsch and his "Tanzgeiger" and the Folklore Dancing Group of the D'Schobastoana

SAT, 7 July

### DINNER & CONCERT

#### BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR GUSTAV

8:00pm - Hotel Post Weißenbach

*We celebrate Gustav Mahler's 158<sup>th</sup> Birthday with a 3-course menu including Mahler's favorite "Marillenknödel" (apricot dumplings)*

Event partner Hotel Post Weißenbach

Menu € 25/person, reservation kindly requested.

Music: Agnes Palmisano Trio

SUN, 8 July

### MATINEE CONCERT IN STEINBACH AM ATTERSEE

11:00am - Gustav Mahler Saal, Seefeld - Ticket € 25,-/person

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

3 Songs Op. 84, III. „Jagdlied“

6 Songs Op. 86, VI. „Altdeutsches Frühlingslied“

Johannes Brahms

Op. 75/2, „Guter Rat“

Joy Lisney

[New Composition 2018]

Johannes Brahms

Op. 76/2 Capriccio in B minor

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Gustav Mahler

Symphony No. 4 (arrangement for chamber orchestra)

Orchestra for the Earth (OFE)

John Warner, Conductor

Gabriella Noble, Soprano