

JUNE 2017 Our terrace is full of blooms and fragrant smells once again!

"THIRTY years of LOYALTY as a regular guest!"

Mrs Ursula Jeanmonod, from beautiful Switzerland, was once again our guest a few days ago. What distinguishes her above all – besides her VERY SPECIAL PERSONALITY

Mrs Jeanmonod has now been a regular guest of ours for THIRTY years!!

A BIG "THANK YOU" for YOUR LOYALTY!



It is people like YOU who always give us courage ... Once again, THANK YOU and WARM GREETINGS from Vienna!

"VIRTUOSO Pianist - and an especially TOUCHING singer ..."



Our piano has started to SPARKLE & SHINE!

Thanks to another married couple who are regular guests ...

Mr BENZ from Ludwigshafen acted as a MAGNIFICENT pianist! His wife first sang "Che Sera" and then "The Rose" by Bette Midler! Without giving any more away, we all got "misty eyes" when listening ...

MANY THANKS to the Benzes for their UNFORGETTABLE "performance" at the Hotel AUSTRIA!

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Fancy a glass of wine or a cup of coffee amid the oleander, summer flowers and herbs?

Then go straight to the 2nd Floor, sit down and enjoy. On our terrace, the **tables and chairs, deck chairs and parasols are out again for your pleasure**. Take a short break with refreshments in perfect calm, before another round of sightseeing in the city.

"Current and upcoming EVENTS in Vienna in June 2017"

Interested in music, theater, the opera, museums, and exhibitions? We'll be happy to **keep you informed** about **all the dates / schedules** and perhaps even let you in on **a few secrets** too...

Danube Island Festival

Mando Diao, Mike Perry, Fettes Brot: International stars and domestic greats will be creating a great atmosphere at Europe's biggest free open-air festival on the last weekend in June. Eleven stages will simultaneously host concerts of all genres. There are also cabaret, sport and children's programs.



From 23 to 25 June, Vienna's Danube Island becomes a mega-party site for around three

million visitors. Musicians of all categories will offer 600 hours of concerts at the Danube Island Festival. There's entertainment on various themed islands to suit every age and taste. Numerous food and drinks booths ensure that no-one goes hungry or thirsty, and - a first this year - there are two gourmet zones called Island Gardens.

The line-up of the top acts for the 34th edition of the Danube Island Festival will be finalized by mid-May. One thing is sure - there is a tremendous choice: Rock, pop, alternative, indie, punk, hip hop, oldies, electro, German-language pop, folk music, cabaret and readings. Here's an overview of some of the highlights:

- Falco Tribute Concert: Falco's legendary 1993 Danube Island gig will be re-enacted with the original band. The German hip-hop band Fettes Brot, Julian le Play and Georgij Makazaria of Russkaja have already confirmed their attendance.
- The Swedish rock-pop band Mando Diao are also among the headline acts. Moop Mama from Munich will also definitely be there.
- DJs will create a great atmosphere for dance/electronic fans, including Sweden's Mike Perry ("The Ocean") and the Austrian Rene Rodrigezz ("Rave it").
- Two thirds of the acts come from Austria, including the singer-songwriter and author Der Nino aus Wien. The chanson singer Norbert Schneider will present a tribute to the late Austrian pop legend Georg Danzer, who died ten years ago.
- Swing comes in the form of Marianne Mendt (with Ella Fitzgerald hits) as well as Alkbottle front man Roman Gregory (with Dean Martin evergreens).
- The legendary skier and German-language pop star Hansi Hinterseer will make his Island debut this year, while Marc Pircher from the same genre is already a regular performer here.

Island visitors young and old can refresh themselves in the cool water of the Family Island: The water slide is 70 meters long. On the Action & Fun Island, a number of challenges await the brave, such as the inflatable obstacle course "The Beast", and the "Bag Jump", a

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ten-meter jump into a gigantic air cushion.

34th Danube Island Festival - 23-25 June 2017

Information and program: <u>www.donauinselfest.at</u>

Vienna Jazz Festival



From 29 June to 10 July, the Vienna Jazz Festival brings high-ranking stars such as Herbie Hancock, Thomas Quasthoff, George Benson and Jan Garbarek to Vienna's stages.

The Vienna Jazz Festival, a fixed item in the annual festival series, offers more than the eponymous cool sound. A range of genres including soul, funk, pop, electronic and ethnic sounds are on the

program - and all in the best venues.

An opening concert with the pianist Ludovico Einaudi will be held in the Wiener Stadthalle on 9 June. The Vienna Jazz Festival proper begins on 29 June with Ulrich Drexler performing solo on the basset horn at the Altes Rathaus. His performance is an homage to jazz legend Thelonious Monk, who would have turned 100 years old this year.

The sounds at the Vienna State Opera are the very best there are: Opera star Thomas Quasthoff meets pop star Max Mutzke, who is one generation younger. Their common denominator is soul music.

The master pianist and twelve-times Grammy winner Herbie Hancock stands for many fine developments in the field of jazz. He practiced complex hard bop as well as fusion, funk and electro. Worldwide hits included "Cantaloup Island" and "Rockit".

Two charismatic jazz singers give a double concert: Dee Dee Bridgewater pays tributes to her city of birth, Memphis, at this year's Vienna Jazz Festival. She goes on the trail of soul legends such as Al Green and Ann Peebles. Madeleine Peyroux effortlessly combines classical pop and jazz.

Guitar virtuoso George Benson is just as much at home in high-speed jazz as he is in rhythm and blues. "Give Me The Night" and "Turn Your Love Around" are just two of his world hits.

Probably the most important jazz musician in Europe performs in the colonnaded courtyard of Vienna City Hall on 8 July: Jan Garbarek. The Ladies, a female all-star band with singer Cécile McLorin Salvant can be heard the next day.

At Porgy & Bess, an established Viennese jazz club, the double-bass player Miles Mosley, who was born in 1980, performs on 3 July; the versatile jazz star Ben Wendel on 5 July. The overall program of the Vienna Jazz Festival offers even more - from jazz legends to

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shooting stars. Let the summer of festivals roll on!

Vienna Jazz Festival 2017 - 29 June - 10 July 2017 various venues www.viennajazz.org, Tickets: www.wien-ticket.at

Summer in the MQ



The summer season in the MuseumsQuartier (MQ) begins on 18 May. Numerous events will be held until September. Just stop by – you will find lots going on in the MQ all summer long.

Vienna's MuseumsQuartier (MQ) is one of the biggest cultural areas in the world. The mix of large museums, small cultural initiatives and trendy bars is a success

story. The outdoor season starts this year on 18 May with the SummerOpening. From 3.00 pm, visitors can rummage for bargains at the cultural flea market in the main courtyard of the MQ. Admission to all museums and cultural institutions in the MQ is free after 5.00 pm. In addition to the current exhibitions, visitors can go on special tours. An open-air concert will be given by the band Garish at the opening in the main courtyard at 8.15 pm.

Until the end of September, the inner courtyards of the MuseumsQuartier draw visitors with a boules area, cozy guest gardens, cool weekend sounds by DJs as well as the stylish MQ furniture to relax on. The Aquadrome also starts on 18 May and invites people to boat races on the pond.

New this year is the playable sculpture park "MQ Amore", which opened on 6 April. On the square in front of the MQ, artists have created twelve sculptures in the form of mini-golf courses, which visitors are actually allowed to play on. Open until October from 10.00 am to 8.00 pm (in summer until 10.00 pm).

The O-Töne Literature Festival organizes first-class open-air readings again, every Thursday in July and August. Film fans also get their money's worth in July and August: During the summer, the frame[o]ut festival provides audiovisual surprises on the outdoor cinema screen in the MQ, every Friday at 9.30 pm, starting on 17 July.

Summer at MQ - 18 May - end of September 2017

The entire program can be found at www.mqw.at

Vienna Shorts film festival



The films at the VIS Vienna Shorts are short and sharp. The festival for short film, animation and music video presents a first-class selection of international films in Vienna for the fourteenth time.

At the beginning of June, the Vienna Shorts - Austria's biggest short film festival presents around 300 Austrian and international film productions again this

year under the title "Trust Me". Each film has a maximum length of 30 minutes. The four competition categories include 101 films from 33 countries. Waiting for the winners are three spots on the Oscar® long list, because the Vienna Shorts have been an Oscar® qualifying festival since last year.

International prize-winning short films can be see at the festival, such as this year's Berlinale winner "Small Town" by Diogo Costa Amarante and the Japanese Sundance winner "And So We Put Goldfish in the Pool", as well as top-class new discoveries.

Music videos followed by live acts will be presented at the screen sessions, including works by Florian Senekowitsch for the Austrian musician Voodoo Jürgens or Martina Trepczyk for Leyya. Among the international works shown are videos by Bill Morrison for Massive Attack, Mr. Oizo and Arca.

The results of the joint short film competition organized by Vienna Shorts and the Vienna Tourist Board can also be seen at this year's festival. The competition on the topic "The Rhythm of Vienna" was held last year and the three winning films have been online since September 2016 at <u>shortfilm.wien.info</u>.

VIS Vienna Shorts - 1-6 June 2017 www.viennashorts.com