

Summer 2015

"A NEW FLOOR in our RECEPTION...!"



Exactly **THERE**, where you were standing when you first arrived - and then again on **MANY** other occasions - that is where we have just installed a **NEW** floor!

A **BRIGHT** and **SHINY** laminate flooring to welcome you **with LIGHTS**, even on a late arrival!

It is adorned with an **authentic "Persian" rug** sourced directly from

Istanbul...!

"NEW CURTAINS in all our GUEST ROOMS...!"

Did you noticed it when entering your room...?

Fragrant NEW white store curtains obscuring the view from outside whilst still letting in the **sunlight!**

Simply feel "**at home...!**"



"JUST for Our YOUNG Guests!" - Kiddy Surprises Right at the Reception



A **holiday in Vienna** should be a very special experience even for our **YOUNG guests!** Our overflowing **surprise basket** once again awaits them right at the reception!

Small plush toys, little model cars, colourful stamps, bouncy balls, soap bubbles, playing cards and **much** more...

We make children's eyes **sparkle** with our surprises, and we hope that our **attractive family room deals** in the summer months will put a **sparkle** in the eyes of Mum and Dad as well!

"Our new BALDWIN classic UPRIGHT PIANO!"

For several days now, we have had an original **BALDWIN upright piano** in our lobby!

Our very own Director purchased it in **Ottawa / Canada** in 1989. Due to job commitments, this piano travelled to **New Jersey / USA** on to **Hilden / North Germany** and then, at some point to the shores of the **Neusiedler lake /**

in **Burgenland**, until it landed here, at Hotel AUSTRIA!

This upright piano not only journeyed **halfway around the world**, but could also probably play many **a personal** tune for us...!

Would you like to explore the soul of our Baldwin upright piano by tinkering on the ivories...?



"Current and upcoming EVENTS in Vienna in Summer 2015"



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...

Music Film Festival on City Hall Square



From 4 July to 6 September, Vienna's City Hall Square is a pulsating meeting point for night owls who like to combine culture with dining out. Delicious dishes and music films from opera to pop guarantee perfect summer evenings - with free admission every day.

The Music Film Festival on City Hall Square is one of the most enticing offers in Vienna during the summer. Something to suit every taste is also offered by the international leading gastronomers on site as well as by the music film program which covers every genre and is shown on the giant open-air

screen.

Opera fans can look forward to Anna Netrebko and Rolando Villazón in Puccini's *La Bohème* and Donizetti's *L'Elisir d'Amore*, while Thomas Hampson can be seen in Verdi's *Simon Boccanegra*. Bizet's *Carmen* and Mozart's *Magic Flute* get people in the mood for opera with their well-known melodies. Verdi's *Rigoletto* will be broadcast live from the Vienna State Opera.

Two operettas by Emmerich Kálmán, *Die Csárdásfürstin* and *Gräfin Mariza*, provide lighthearted entertainment. A classical highlight is the 2015 New Year's Concert by the Vienna Philharmonic, conducted by Zubin Mehta.

There's also plenty of jazz, with recordings of legendary performers such as Frank Sinatra, Eric Clapton, Chick Corea, Omara Portuondo as well as Tony Bennet & Lady Gaga. Many other pop concerts will be shown, such as by Elton John, Pink Floyd, Celine Dion, Queen, Bob Marley, Depeche Mode, Zucchero and Elvis Presley, who would have celebrated his 80th birthday this year.

4 July - 6 September 2015 Admission is free!

Information and program: www.filmfestival-rathausplatz.at

Film starts: daily at nightfall.

International cuisine: 11.00 am – 12.00 midnight

ImPulsTanz Festival

In summer, ImPulsTanz turns Vienna into an international hot-spot of dance. Europe's biggest dance festival presents countless performances from 16 July to 16 August. This time around, museums also become stages. Fans of movement can get in on the action at 250 workshops.



ImPulsTanz presents international dance stars as well as Austrian productions to the world for the first time, including a group piece by Akemi Takeya, who hails from Japan and lives in Vienna, and a reworking of ballet history with the energy-guzzling physical exertions of Florentina Holzinger and Vincent Riebeek. nadaproductions present a new production of the almost forgotten movements of dance anthropologists Amanda Piña and Daniel Zimmermann.

Furthermore, international newcomers shake at the state of the art of dance in the [8:tension] Young Choreographers' Series.

ImPulsTanz goes on choreographic expeditions: The Weltmuseum Wien, the mumok and the 21er Haus are turned into spectacular temples of dance. Stars such as Jennifer Lacey, Keith Hennessy, Ko Murobushi and Anne Juren set new accents in the area of contemporary dance in the middle of the mumok exhibition on Viennese Actionism.

Dancers at the top of their game support beginners and professionals, children and golden agers, yogis and vogueurs with their knowledge in 250 workshops. And if that's not enough, there are DJ nights and concerts in the ImPulsTanz Festival Lounge in the Burgtheater foyer each evening, or parties in the casino on Schwarzenbergplatz at which to dance the night away.

16 July - 16 August 2015 various venues

Information and program: www.impulstanz.com

Africa Days on Danube Island



From 31 July to 16 August, the Africa Days celebrate pure joie de vivre for the eleventh time in Vienna. Captivating rhythms, imaginative costumes and delicious food transform Danube Island into a center of happiness.

African culture is about much more than the roll of drums and tribal rites. For example, it also includes fantastic music, delicious food and drink, traditional handicrafts and modern design. All of this can be enjoyed from 31 July at the Africa Days on Vienna's Danube Island.

Two or three shows are performed daily on the stage, including the twelve dancers and musicians of Iyasa from Zimbabwe. Dr. Sley and the Green Soljas perform reggae and soul songs, while Jenny Bell from Uganda gives another concert at the Africa Days.

Carole Bakotto from Cameroon casts the audience under her spell with her magical presence, versatile voice and original arrangements. More Colours love reggae, hiphop, funk and soul as well as having a party. The eight-member band Soja from Virginia, USA, fills whole arenas with its mix of reggae with rock, hardcore and hiphop. Protoj gives a guest performance with his band The Indignation - he gives original Jamaican music a new lease on life in his own exciting way.

To keep hunger at bay during the day, head for the Sahara tent and the huge African Bazaar, which offers a wide variety of regional delights. There's also all sorts of jewelry and handicrafts to rummage through there. You can take home a piece of Africa with you in the form of a typical African hairstyle or brightly colored clothing.

Then there are also drum and dance workshops, while an extensive children's program provides entertainment for younger guests. Why not try a ride across Danube Island on a lively "desert ship"?

31 July - 16 August 2015 Mo - Fr, 2.00 pm - 12.00 midnight

Sa - Su 11.00 am - 12.00 midnight

Charity Mondays: Free admission on 3 and 10 August 2015 Detailed program, ticket information: www.afrika-tage.at

Dinner in the Sky

The extraordinary dinner experience at lofty heights offers a breathtaking view of the Vienna skyline and the Prater.

Dinner in the Sky returns to the city for several days in 2015 and guarantees an unforgettable experience with culinary flights of fancy above the roofs of Vienna. A crane lifts a special table with 22 seats and space for the serving staff in the middle to a height of 50 meters, where brunch, lunch, wine tastings, dinner or cocktails are offered, depending on the time of day. Safely secured, vertigo-free participants enjoy the culinary delicacies as well as the unique view of Vienna.



The crane lifts skywards a total of 13 times a day. Guests are in the air for between 30 and 70 minutes, depending on the time of day and the offering. The brunch served at 9, 10 and 11 am (€69 per person) lasts 30 minutes. The three-course lunch at 12 noon, 1.10 pm and 2.20 pm (€99 per person) offers culinary flights of fancy lasting 40 minutes. At 3.30 and 4.30 pm in the afternoon, there is a wine tasting (€69 per person) comprising a 40-minute wine tasting in the lounge on the ground, followed by a 40-minute ride through the air. And during the 4-course dinner at 5.40, 7.20 and 9 pm in the evening (€159 per person), gourmets can enjoy the view for a full 70 minutes. Cocktails are served at 10.40 and 11.30 pm (duration: 20 minutes, €59 per person).

4 - 7 June 2015 11 - 14 June 2015 18 - 21 June 2015 27 - 30 August 2015 3 - 6 September 2015 daily from 9.00 am to 11.30 pm

Tickets and information: www.dinnerinthesky.at

Vienna Jazz Festival



From 1 to 11 July, the Vienna Jazz Festival brings high-ranking stars such as Thomas Quasthoff, Paul Weller, Malia and Roger Cicero to Vienna's stages.

The Vienna Jazz Festival, a fixed item in the annual festival series, offers more than the eponymous cool sound. Soul, funk, pop, electronic and ethnic sounds can also be enjoyed - and all in leading venues such as the Vienna State Opera,

which provides the opportunity to discover Roger Cicero's jazz side. The non-conformist Canadian pianist Chilly Gonzales gives a double concert with the tango-conscious band Plaza Francia; Melody Gardot sings beguilingly fragile ballads and the British-Malawian singer Malia presents electro-soul.

A highlight of the Vienna Jazz Festival is without doubt the "Sinatra Tribute" with Thomas Quasthoff, Angelika Kirchschlager, Allan Harris, Louie Austen and the orchestra of the Vereinigte Bühnen Wien (United Stages of Vienna). José James takes to the stage of the State Opera in the second half of the concert.

Another double concert provides the chance to hear the "Godfather of Britpop" and eternal Mod Paul Weller and the Austrian singer-songwriter Ernst Molden.

An open-air concert on the grounds of Wien Energie Fernwärme will delight audiences for several hours. There are also concerts in the colonnaded courtyard of Vienna City Hall with a cappella band Naturally 7 and others. Music will be played on the Summer Stage, a venue by the Danube Canal - admission is free. Fixed names on the line-up of the Porgy & Bess jazz club are Sarah McKenzie, the Viola Hammer Trio and the Jason Marsalis Vibes Quartet - much more follows.

1-11 July 2015 various venues

www.viennajazz.org

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