

ZERMATT FESTIVAL ACADEMY: 2nd – 17th SEPTEMBER 2023

The village of Zermatt at the foot of the Matterhorn offers peace and relaxation in one of the most beautiful places in the world. This unique atmosphere in the middle of a breath-taking natural landscape, enchanted Pablo Casals who regularly spent his summer holidays here in the 1950s and 60s. Together with Franz Seiler, General Manager of the Seiler Hotels Zermatt at that time, Casals founded the Zermatt summer concerts and master classes, to which he invited almost all of the famous musicians of his day as chamber music partners and teachers.

This tradition was revived in 2005 with the creation of the Zermatt Music Festival. Chamber music and orchestral concerts are performed by the Scharoun Ensemble and other soloists of the Berliner Philharmoniker in the beautiful Pfarrkirche St. Mauritius and the Riffelalp Kapelle, located at 2'222 meters above sea level, as well as at other locations in Zermatt.

Each year, highly gifted students are invited to take part in the Zermatt Festival Academy where they take lessons with members of the Scharoun Ensemble Berlin and perform alongside them in the Zermatt Festival Orchestra. Working intensively with these members of the Berliner Philharmoniker provides a unique educational experience at the highest possible level. After successfully participating in their first year of the academy, students have the opportunity to return for a second edition. By renewing this experience, they can continue to build on what they learnt the previous year.

This year, Zermatt Festival Academy 2023 students will have the opportunity to perform in the run-up to the Zermatt Festival by accompanying the finalists of the **Clara Haskil Piano Competition** under the direction of Gábor Takács-Nagy in Vevey (**30.8. – 2.9.2023**). Participation in this special project would be desirable but is not a requirement (please see CLARA HASKIL COMPETITION appendix).

TARGET GROUP

The Zermatt Festival Academy is intended for excellent young musicians and chamber music ensembles that are members of the following institutions:

European Union Youth Orchestra Academy,
Schleswig-Holstein Festival Orchestra
Gustav Mahler Jugendorchester
Junge Deutsche Philharmonie
Deutsche Stiftung Musikleben
Karajan-Akademie der Berliner Philharmoniker

...or any other renowned orchestra academies.

It is also possible to apply without being a member of any of these institutions.

Please note that applicants should still be students and should not already have a permanent job.

PROFESSORS

WIND SECTION

Jonathan Kelly, oboe

Alexander Bader, clarinet

Markus Weidmann, bassoon

Stefan de Leval Jezierski, French horn

STRING SECTION

Noah Bendix-Balgley, violin

Wolfram Brandl, violin

Christophe Horak, violin

Rachel Schmidt, violin

Micha Afkham, viola

Claudio Bohorquez, cello

Peter Riegelbauer, double bass

SOLOISTS/CONDUCTORS

Noah Bendix-Balgley, violin

Wolfram Brandl, violin

Andriy Dragan, Piano

David Philip Hefti, Composer in Residence and conductor

Christiane Karg, soprano

Jonathan Kelly, oboe

LANGUAGE OF THE CLASSES

German, English

PROGRAMME

Concerts with ZERMATT FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA

Together with the professors, the students form the Zermatt Festival Orchestra. The Orchestra's programme this year is planned as follows:

Friday, 8th September 2023 at 19:30

Zermatt Festival Orchestra

Noah Bendix-Bagley, concertmaster

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart – Symphonie No. 40 in G Minor, KV 550

Saturday, 9th September 2023 at 19:30

Zermatt Festival Orchestra

Andriy Dragan, piano

Wolfram Brandl, violin and concertmaster

Noah Bendix-Balgley, violin

Franz Xaver Mozart – Piano Concerto No. 2, Op. 25

Louis Spohr – Concertante for two violins and orchestra No. 2 in B Minor, Op. 88

Mendelssohn Bartholdy – Symphonie No. 4 in A Major, Op. 90 "Italienische Symphonie"

Friday, 15th September 2023 at 19:30

Zermatt Festival Orchestra

Wolfram Brandl, violin and concertmaster

Jonathan Kelly, oboe

Johann Sebastian Bach – Concerto for Oboe and Violin in C Minor, BWV 1060

Franz Schubert – 4. Symphonie in C Minor, D 417 „Tragische“

Saturday, 16th September 2023 at 19:30

Zermatt Festival Orchestra

Christiane Karg, soprano

David Philip Hefti, conductor

Wolfram Brandl, concertmaster

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart – Così fan Tutti (edition for woodwind)

Hector Berlioz – Les Nuits d'Été

Richard Strauss – "Metamorphosen für 23 Solostreicher"

Sunday, 17th September 2023 at 11:00

Scharoun Ensemble and students

Ludwig van Beethoven – Octet for winds in E-flat op. 103

ACADEMY CONCERTS

In addition to the orchestra concerts in the St. Mauritius-Pfarrkirche as listed above, there will be three chamber music concerts performed by the students from the 12th to the 14th September at different venues in Zermatt. The programme for these chamber music concerts will be announced in July.

INSTRUMENTATION

We are looking for the following musicians:

10 violinists
5 violists
4 cellists
2 double bassists
2 flautists
2 oboists
2 clarinetists
2 bassoonists
3 French horn players

PROCEDURE

ARRIVAL IN ZERMATT: **Saturday, 2.9.2023 until 6pm in Zermatt**

DEPARTURE FROM ZERMATT: **Sunday, 17.09.2023 in the morning/at noon**

Pre-rehearsals without teachers will take place from the evening of Saturday 2.9. until Monday 4.9. Make ensure you arrive on Saturday afternoon so that you will be ready for any rehearsals taking place that evening.

Lessons will take place in central locations in Zermatt. The rehearsals are open to the public from the 6th September onwards.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation will be provided in hotels or apartments by the Festival.

TERMS

Lessons, accommodation and food are all provided free of charge by the festival. The student should however pay his/her travel expenses.

INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS

To apply to become a student at the Zermatt Festival Academy 2021, please send your application **via the Muvac site by 31st March 2023** (<https://www.muvac.com/en/zermatt-music-festival-academy>)

Students will be selected by members of the Scharoun Ensemble Berlin by 15th May 2023.

For any questions, please contact Anna v. Lüneburg, Director of Zermatt Festival Academy:

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