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## Cultural Exchange in Times of Crises: Young Euro Classic begins on Friday

On August 5, 2022 Young Euro Classic launches 17 festival days at the Konzerthaus Berlin: with the National Youth Orchestra of the USA under the baton of Daniel Harding and with Alisa Weilerstein as soloist, the world's leading youth orchestra festival offers a high-carat opening night – in the presence of the Mayor of Berlin, Franziska Giffey, the patron of this year's edition of Young Euro Classic. Through August 21, ensembles from all over the world present classical and contemporary international orchestral music. European values, which have always been at the core of the festival, resound particularly given the current state of the world: with the performances of the Youth Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine under the baton of Oksana Lyniv (Aug. 10) and the Western Balkans Youth Orchestra (Aug. 14) in particular, the festival sends a message of international peace and understanding.

"There is a reason why the motto of the festival is *Tomorrow's musicians today*: we must create the platforms for cultural exchange and education today, so that the next generation can work on a better tomorrow," says Dr. Gabriele Minz, General Manager of Young Euro Classic. "It is our responsibility to invest in their talents and dreams."

"The large-scale forces many youth orchestras are bringing back to Young Euro Classic this year are a declaration of confidence and optimism, and of trust in culture, especially classical music, as a human bond in our civil societies," says Prof. Dr. Dieter Rexroth, Artistic Director of Young Euro Classic. "The late romantic core repertoire has its place in our programme as much as the innovative programmes of smaller ensembles such as the O/Modernt New Generation Orchestra, which is featured in Young Euro Classic's second-ever orchestra residency, bringing its tried and tested mix of imagination and excellence to the festival."

### New and Sustainable – Highlights at Young Euro Classic

After two modified editions because of the pandemic, Young Euro Classic returns to its core mission of presenting national youth orchestras – this year they include Portugal, Italy, Turkey and the Netherlands – featuring large casts, long-missed symphonies and many highlights. On Aug. 10 the **Youth Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine** performs under Oksana Lyniv. Another important statement for cultural exchange in times of crisis is the Young Euro Classic debut of the **Western Balkans Youth Orchestra** (Aug. 14), whose members are from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia and perform under the orchestras founder, Desar Sulejmani. The British **Chineke! Junior Orchestra** performs outside the United Kingdom for the first time, providing an emancipatory platform for People of Colour and diversity in classical music (Aug. 11). The **Orquesta Nacional Juvenil de Uruguay-Sodre** makes a transatlantic debut on Aug. 19.

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And the **Bundesjazzorchester** presents a unique programme on Aug. 20, led by jazz legend Michael Gibbs and featuring songs by Billie Holiday, among others.

A new feature at Young Euro Classic is a **Residency Programme** which includes two concert evenings and an education format. The orchestra in residence for 2022 is the **O/Modernt New Generation Orchestra** under Hugo Ticciati. Its concerts focus on intercultural encounters: music by Sinti and Romany meets arrangements by Bartók and Brahms (Aug. 13), and jazz by Miles Davis meets works by Josquin des Prez and Stravinsky (Aug. 15).

## Next Generation for the Youngest Listeners

The youngest audience members are the focus of the Children's Day (Aug. 14), part of the programme of **NEXT GENERATION**. Children's concerts and workshops invite them to discover, participate and join in. The Ensemble Quillo performs the piece "Mopitu – A Little Elephant Story" for children aged 3 and up. The children's concert "Nils Holgersson's Musical Journey around the World" (ages 6 and up) is part of the Young Euro Classic Residency. Hugo Ticciati, artistic director of the O/Modernt New Generation Orchestra (orchestra in residence), works with young talents from Germany and his Swedish homeland, rehearsing a concert programme with diverse cultural influences. Musicians from the Lilla Akademien in Stockholm and the Julius-Stern-Institute of Berlin's University of the arts will perform it together on the Children's Day. In addition, teenagers can participate in the four-day workshop **YoungReporters at Young Euro Classic** (Aug. 10-14) and try out the work of a music journalist.

## European Composition Award

After two years of pandemic-induced pause, an audience jury will once again decide the winner of the European Composition Award. The prize is presented by the Mayor of Berlin for those outstanding compositions which are given their world or German premieres. This year, the orchestras from Portugal, Ukraine, Uruguay, Italy, Turkey and the Western Balkans present **three world premieres and three German premieres**.

## Evening Patrons

The long tradition of Young Euro Classic also includes the patrons of the evening. While the last two festival editions had to forego their presence in the hall, this year personalities from politics, society, culture and arts introduce the concerts. They include the Mayor of Berlin Franziska Giffey, Senator of Culture Klaus Lederer, the actor Boris Aljinovic, the political scientist Emilia Roig, the Director General of the RBB Patricia Schlesinger, Stefan Raue, Director General of Deutschlandradio, as well as the TV presenters Jörg Thadeusz and Sascha Hingst.

## Live Broadcasts

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The following concerts will be streamed live on ARTE CONCERT and are available thereafter in the mediatheque at [arteconcert.com](http://arteconcert.com):

- 08.8. European Union Youth Orchestra
- 09.8. Jovem Orquestra Portuguesa
- 10.8. Youth Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine
- 11.8. Chineke! Junior Orchestra

The opening concert by the National Youth Orchestra of the USA will be live-streamed on [medici.tv](http://medici.tv).

## Delayed Broadcasts

The following concerts will be recorded by **Deutschlandfunk Kultur** and broadcast nationwide – via the DLF Audiothek app, via USW, DAB+ and [deutschlandfunkkultur.de](http://deutschlandfunkkultur.de):

- 11.08. European Union Youth Orchestra (concert on Aug. 8)
- 16.08. O/Modernt New Generation Orchestra "Brahms, Bartók and the Roaming Spirits" (concert Aug. 13)
- 18.08. Western Balkans Youth Orchestra (concert on Aug. 14)
- 23.08. International Lutosławski Youth Orchestra (concert on Aug. 17)
- 25.08. Orquesta Nacional Juvenile de Uruguay-Sodre (concert on Aug. 19)

**rbbKultur** (UKW 92.4 and cable 95.35) is recording the following concerts, broadcasting them on Sept. 4 as part of the ARD Radio Festival:

- 4.9. Youth Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine (concert on Aug. 10)
- 4.9. National Youth Philharmonic of Turkey (concert on Aug.16)

## Enabling the Joy of Music-Making

For their trust and long years of support, the German Association of Friends of European Youth Orchestras e.V. thanks the Konzerthaus Berlin and Ströer.

It also thanks the Federal Government, the State of Berlin, the Hauptstadt-kulturfonds as well as Neustart Kultur, the KfW as well as the Volksbanken und Raiffeisenbanken, the GVL, its media partners, the festival's numerous donors and supporters and its wonderful audience.

For enabling NEXT GENERATION, the Festival thanks the Federal Ministry of Families, the German-French Youth Foundation and Heimstaden.

## Special Concert: The Ukrainian Freedom Orchestra at Konzerthaus

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Young Euro Classic stands for European values. This is reflected in a special concert organized at short notice on the evening before the festival's opening:

The Ukrainian Freedom Orchestra is an initiative of the Polish National Opera, the Metropolitan Opera and the conductor Keri-Lynn Wilson, whose idea the project was. It unites Ukrainian members of outstanding European and Ukrainian orchestras with refugees from the concert and opera orchestras of Kyiv, Lviv, Charkiv and Odessa. Together, they are sending a signal against the war in Ukraine.

The concert is presented jointly by Young Euro Classic, the Konzerthaus Berlin and Kulturprojekte Berlin as part of Berlin's summer festival Kultursommer.

**Tomorrow's musicians today!  
Young Euro Classic. Festival of the World's Best Youth Orchestras  
August 5-21, 2022 at Konzerthaus Berlin**

Further information and the current programme can be found here:  
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Tickets priced at 33 / 26 / 18 Euro

Tickets for the children's concert starting at 5 Euro

Tickets are available from the Young Euro Classic website, the Ticket-Hotline (+49 30 – 8410 8909, reachable Mon–Sun: 10 am – 6 pm) and at all known ticket sales points.

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