

**Leipziger Freiheit**



## **Leipzig, City of Music – A Musical Tour**

# Leipzig – where music calls the tune.

JOHANN  
SEBASTIAN  
BACH

# J. S. Bach – his heirs, his followers.

Music is the art of making time resonate. And this is exactly what has been going on in Leipzig for centuries. The number of composers who lived and worked here reads like a canon of musical history: Johann Sebastian Bach, Edvard Grieg, Albert Lortzing, Gustav Mahler, Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy, Clara and Robert Schumann, Richard Wagner, Hanns Eisler... But it is not only the names that are awe inspiring, it is the works performed here too! The city's Gewandhaus Orchestra is one of the great international orchestras, presently working under star conductor Riccardo Chailly. And Leipzig's world famous St Thomas's Boys Choir (Thomanerchor) gives regular performances in the very places where J. S. Bach once worked.



Members of Leipzig's Gewandhaus Orchestra and St Thomas's Boys Choir in St Thomas's Church

## Music comes to life here

Leipzig has always been a city where musical history is made. The tradition lives on through the work of Kurt Masur, Philip Glass and the artists of the annual international Bach Festival. Leipzig is a city where music is savoured with passion! Be it at the Opera, at the Summer of Organ Music, at the Mendelssohn Festival or, in more contemporary forms, at the city's Jazz Festival or during the open-air events like "Klassik airleben". Here, in the "Capital of Music", inspiring ensembles and soloists delight enthusiastic audiences.

## Bach Archive and Bach Museum

Johann Sebastian Bach lived and worked in Leipzig for 27 years (1723–1750). The central institution in maintaining his heritage is the city's Bach Archive, located in the square in front of St Thomas's (Thomaskirchhof). The Archive is not merely a Mecca for scientists from all over the world but it also hosts a museum with a permanent exhibition of Bach's life and alternating special exhibitions. The chamber concerts held here in the historic summer hall are magical moments for music lovers. But the true highlight is the Bach Festival (Bachfest). The annual international festival hosts some 100 events in historical venues such as St Thomas's and the Old City Hall. In addition, music lovers will enjoy the many open-air concerts held during the festival.

## St Thomas's Boys Choir (Thomanerchor)

St Thomas's Boys Choir is Leipzig's oldest „cultural asset“. Since the Margrave of Meissen initiated the foundation of the Augustinian Canons of St Thomas's in 1212, the world famous choir has weathered many a stormy year. To this day, the choirboys attend the boarding school of St Thomas's (Thomasschule). And as ever, their work with the choirmaster of St Thomas's provides the musical framework for their education, where there is naturally a special focus on sacred music.

## St Thomas's Church (Thomaskirche)

Here you can experience the musical class of the St. Thomas's Boys Choir three times a week under the direction of St Thomas's choirmaster, Georg Christoph Biller. The sets include motets and Bach's cantatas. And where else would the work of Johann Sebastian Bach be more accessible than here? The choir hall of the church also holds the tomb of the great composer and former choirmaster.

## Event Highlights – Music

### August 2007

- 30.08. – 16.09.2007 **Mendelssohn Festival 2007**, Gewandhaus and other venues, [www.gewandhaus.de](http://www.gewandhaus.de)
- 31.08.2007 **Opening of the 227th Gewandhaus Concert Season**, Gewandhaus, [www.gewandhaus.de](http://www.gewandhaus.de)

### September 2007

- 02.09.2007 **"Klassik airleben"**, Classical Music Open Air in Augustusplatz, city centre, [www.gewandhaus.de](http://www.gewandhaus.de)
- 08.09. – 16.09.2007 **Schumann Festival**, Schumann House, [www.schumann-verein.de](http://www.schumann-verein.de)
- 28.09. – 30.09.2007 **2nd Festival of Classical Music for Children**, Evangelical Reformed Church, [www.reformiert-leipzig.de](http://www.reformiert-leipzig.de)
- 29.09.2007 **Opera Première**: Die beiden Geizigen – Grétry, Musikalische Komödie, [www.oper-leipzig.de](http://www.oper-leipzig.de)

### October 2007

- 03.10. – 06.10.2007 **31st Leipzig Jazz Festival (Leipziger Jazztage)**, various venues, [www.jazzclub-leipzig.de](http://www.jazzclub-leipzig.de)

### November 2007

- 03.11. – 04.11.2007 **Concert commemorating the centenary of the death of Edvard Grieg**, Edvard Grieg Memorial Place, [www.grieg-in-leipzig.de](http://www.grieg-in-leipzig.de)
- 06.11. – 11.11.2007 **euro-scene Leipzig – Festival of Contemporary European Theatre**, Opera House, various theatres and Freie Szene, [www.euro-scene.de](http://www.euro-scene.de)
- 11.11.2007 **Reopening of Leipzig's Opera House – A Celebration of Musical Discovery**, Opera House, [www.oper-leipzig.de](http://www.oper-leipzig.de)
- 16.11.2007 **Première**: Rienzi, der letzte der Tribunen – Wagner, (Rienzi, the Last of the Tribunes), Opera House, [www.oper-leipzig.de](http://www.oper-leipzig.de)

### December 2007

- 01.12.2007 **Ballet Première**: The Nutcracker – Tchaikowski, Opera House, [www.oper-leipzig.de](http://www.oper-leipzig.de)
- 08.12. – 09.12.2007 **Christmas Oratorio**, Johann Sebastian Bach: BWV 248, St Thomas's Church, [www.leipziger-vocalensemble.de](http://www.leipziger-vocalensemble.de)
- 14.12.2007 **Christmas Oratorio**, Johann Sebastian Bach: BWV 248, St Thomas's Church, [www.gewandhaus.de](http://www.gewandhaus.de)
- 15.12.2007 **Christmas Oratorio**, Johann Sebastian Bach: BWV 248, St Thomas's Church, [www.gewandhaus.de](http://www.gewandhaus.de)
- 16.12.2007 **Christmas Oratorio**, Johann Sebastian Bach: BWV 248, St Thomas's Church, [www.gewandhaus.de](http://www.gewandhaus.de)



# Visiting geniuses at home.

## Mendelssohn House

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy was a major influence on European musical history – and he in turn was influenced by his experience of Leipzig. Under his musical direction, the Gewandhaus Orchestra became a first class. Moreover, Mendelssohn is renowned for his rediscovery of Bach. The performance of the St Matthew Passion under his musical direction in 1829 initiated the “Bach Renaissance”.

Mendelssohn's domicile became a meeting place for famous contemporaries such as Robert and Clara Schumann and Richard Wagner. Today the world's only museum celebrating the great composer is at home here.



Mendelssohn Room

## Schumann House

Robert Schumann and Clara Wieck may be Leipzig's most famous lovers from the 19th century. Today, their story is legendary. In 1840, the acclaimed pianist and the largely unknown composer moved to Inselstrasse. Among the works Schumann wrote here are “Spring Symphony” and the first movement of Piano Concerto in A Minor. Today, Schumann House accommodates an exhibition, and the former domicile of the artists has become a concert venue.

## Richard Wagner, born in Leipzig

Richard Wagner was born here on 22 May 1813. From 1828, he attended St Nicholas's Grammar School. Wagner's musical education began in 1831 at the University of Leipzig as a student of Theodor Weinlig, the then choirmaster of St Thomas's.

- 29.12.–31.12.2007** **9th Symphony**, Ludwig van Beethoven, New Year's concerts, Gewandhaus, [www.gewandhaus.de](http://www.gewandhaus.de)  
**31.12.2007** **Ballet:** The Nutcracker – Tchaikovsky, Opera House, followed by a great New Year's party with the Firebirds, [www.oper-leipzig.de](http://www.oper-leipzig.de)

### January 2008

- 13.01.2008** **Ballet Première:** Für Uwe Scholz 2008 – Rachmaninow, Opera House, [www.oper-leipzig.de](http://www.oper-leipzig.de)  
**25.01.2008** **Opera Première:** La clemenza di Tito (Titus) – Mozart, Opera House, [www.oper-leipzig.de](http://www.oper-leipzig.de)

### March 2008

- 20.03.–21.03.2008** **St Matthew's Passion, BWV 244**, St Thomas's Church, [www.gewandhaus.de](http://www.gewandhaus.de)

### April 2008

- 05.04.2008** **Opera Première:** Moderne Menschen – Eine Schönberg Trilogie, (Modern People – A Schönberg Trilogy), Opera House, [www.oper-leipzig.de](http://www.oper-leipzig.de)  
**19.04.2008** **Ballet Première:** Bach tanz! – (Bach dances!) – Ballet Night with Music by J. S. Bach, Opera House, [www.oper-leipzig.de](http://www.oper-leipzig.de)



# Leipzig's Music Walk

## Edvard Grieg Memorial Place

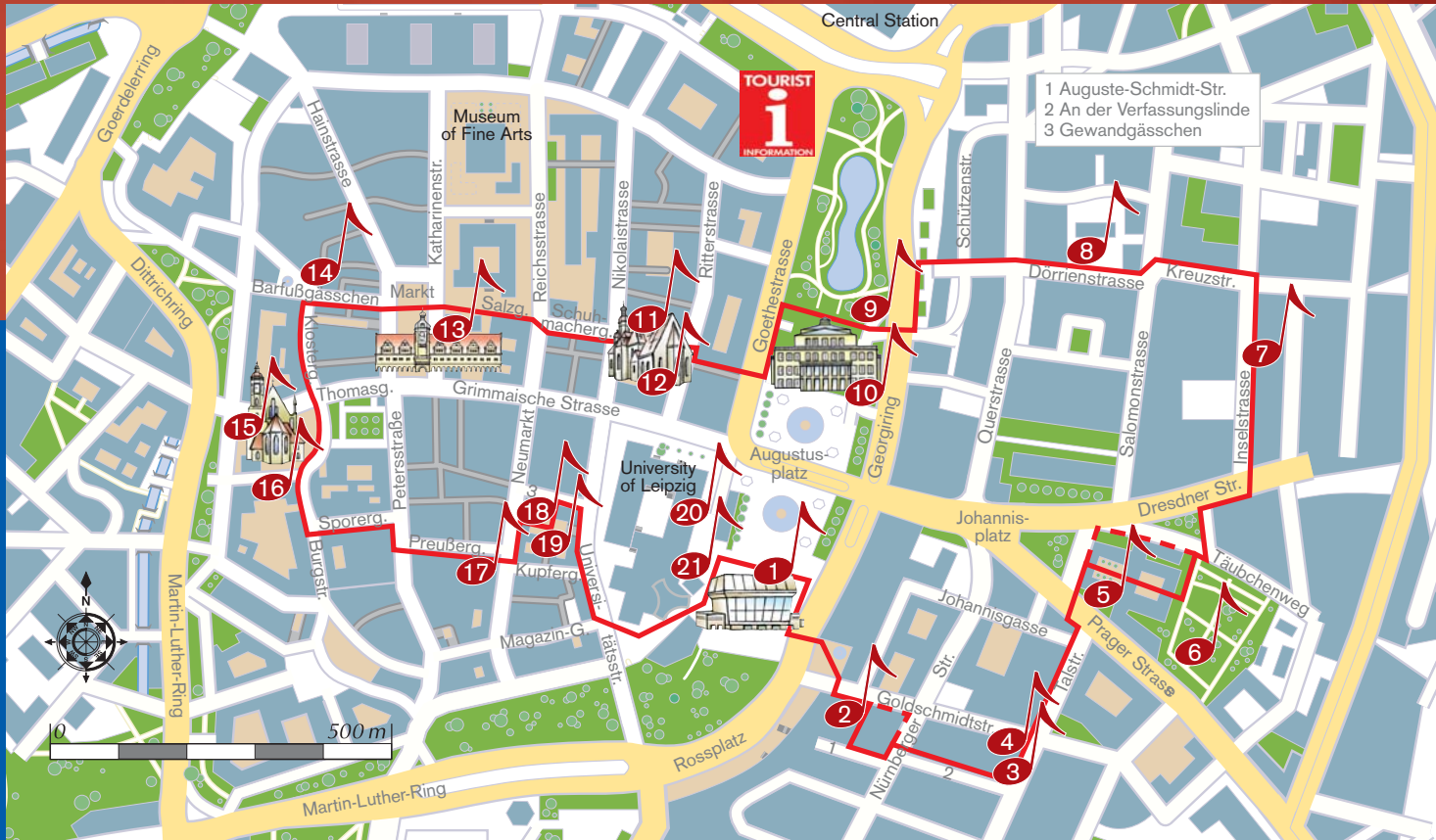
Throughout his life, Edvard Grieg retained close ties to Leipzig's music academy, the Konservatorium, first enrolling there in 1859. His meetings with Brahms and Tchaikovsky in Leipzig inspired him for decades, and it was here that Grieg wrote his first compositions. His publisher, C. F. Peters lived at Talstrasse 10, where Grieg stayed regularly. An exhibition in Talstrasse celebrates his work.

## The Museum of Musical Instruments

It holds one of the biggest collections of its kind – the Museum of Musical Instruments of the University of Leipzig. The exhibition offers insights into the magic of musical instruments and instrument making since the 16th century. It's 5,000 or so precious exhibits include the oldest known clavichord (1543) and the world's oldest original pianoforte (1726). The museum's sound lab offers opportunities to try out some of the instruments yourselves.

Andante – ma non troppo! You can easily trace Leipzig's musical history on the 4.7 kilometre "Music Walk". Hardly a minute goes by without you coming upon original sites and homes of world famous composers and musicians as you follow the trail. Completing the walk takes between 90 minutes and two hours (excluding museums).

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| 1  | New Gewandhaus concert hall   | 11 | St Nicholas's School (Nikolaischule)                        |
| 2  | Mendelssohn House   | 12 | St Nicholas's Church (Nikolaikirche)                        |
| 3  | Grieg Memorial Place  | 13 | Old City Hall   |
| 4  | Former Music Library "Peters"   | 14 | Zum Arabischen Coffe Baum                                   |
| 5  | Grassi Museum of Musical Instruments (Grassi Museum für Musikinstrumente) | 15 | St Thomas's Church (Thomaskirche)                           |
| 6  | Old St John's Cemetery (Johannfriedhof)                                   | 16 | Bach Archive, Bach Museum                                   |
| 7  | Schumann House  | 17 | Location of birthplace of Clara Wieck                       |
| 8  | Grafisches Viertel – Music Publishers                                     | 18 | Location of the old Music Academy (Konservatorium)          |
| 9  | Wagner Memorial   | 19 | Location of first Gewandhaus concert hall                   |
| 10 | Opera House Leipzig   | 20 | Paulinum – University Music (scheduled for completion 2009) |
|    |   | 21 | MDR Cube – Radio Orchestra                                  |



# The Opera – 400 years da capo!

Leipzig's opera tradition dates back to 1693. The Opera House is the third oldest civilian musical theatre stage in Europe. Its history is closely linked to the life and work of famous composers including Leipzig-born Richard Wagner, Georg Philipp Telemann, Heinrich Marschner, Albert Lortzing and Gustav Mahler. Leipzig Opera

comprises the actual Opera House, Leipzig's ballet (Leipziger Ballet) and the musicals venue Musikalische Komödie. In addition to famous soloists, the Gewandhaus Orchestra, which plays at every performance, and the award-winning choir make their own contribution to the international renown of Leipzig's opera. The programme includes a wide range of works from Baroque to Modern – produced by distinguished directors, including Peter Konwitschny, Giancarlo del Monaco and Willy Decker. Leipzig's ballet currently works under director Paul Chalmer, continuing Uwe Scholz's innovative choreographic work as one of the most powerful German ballet companies.



Leipzig's Opera House on Augustus Square

# Gewandhaus – “Res severa est verum gaudium”.

“True Joy is a Serious Matter” – that's the motto of this star musical attraction in Leipzig. The concert hall has gained considerable international renown as venue of the famous Gewandhaus Orchestra. About half a million music lovers from all over the world come to the Gewandhaus every year. Merchants from Leipzig founded the orchestra in 1743. It is Europe's oldest civilian concert orchestra. Its name comes from its original venue – the hall of the trading house of the cloth maker's guild, the “Gewandhaus”. Its legendary fame came through its musical directors, including Johann Adam Hiller, Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy, Arthur Nikisch, Kurt Masur and Riccardo Chailly.

## Gewandhaus Orchestra

Gewandhaus Orchestra is one of the world's most famous orchestras. Many great soloists have played with the orchestra which can look back on a long history of first performances of works that went on to make musical history. The orchestra plays about 70 concerts per season in the Gewandhaus concert hall. In addition, it accompanies the performances at Leipzig's Opera House, performs in St Thomas's Church and plays concerts with St Thomas's Boys Choir. Its current and 19th musical director is star conductor Riccardo Chailly.



Riccardo Chailly, since 2005, Director of Music, Gewandhaus Orchestra and General Musical Director of the Opera House, Leipzig

## May 2008

- 17.–25.05.2008 “a cappella” – 9th Festival of Vocal Music, City Centre, [www.a-capella-festival.de](http://www.a-capella-festival.de)
- 09.05.–12.05.2008 “Gothic Wave Meeting”, Moritzbastei et al, [www.wave-gotik-treffen.de](http://www.wave-gotik-treffen.de)
- 09.05.2008 Opera Première: Manon Lescaut – Puccini, Opera House, [www.oper-leipzig.de](http://www.oper-leipzig.de)
- 30.05.–01.06.2008 Deutscher Evangelischer Posaumentag, (Festival of Christian Brass Ensembles), various venues, [www.epid.de](http://www.epid.de)
- 31.05.2008 Ballet Première: Strawinsky-Projekt – Strawinsky, Opera House, [www.oper-leipzig.de](http://www.oper-leipzig.de)

## June 2008

- June–August 2008 Leipzig Summer of Organ Music, St Nicholas's Church/ St Thomas's Church
- 06.–08.06.2008 16th Leipzig City Festival, Innenstadt, [www.leipzigerstadtfest.de](http://www.leipzigerstadtfest.de)
- 13.06.–22.06.2008 Bach Festival Leipzig, City Centre, [www.bach-leipzig.de](http://www.bach-leipzig.de)
- 14.06.2008 Gewandhaus-Gala at the Gewandhaus, [www.gewandhaus.de](http://www.gewandhaus.de)
- 20.06.2008 Opera Première: Il vaggio a Reims – Rossini, Opera House, [www.oper-leipzig.de](http://www.oper-leipzig.de)
- 28.06.–31.8.2008 MDR Musiksommer, [www.mdr.de/musiksommer](http://www.mdr.de/musiksommer)

## July 2008

- 07.07.2008 Monday Concert at the Bach Memorial, in front of St Thomas's, [www.bachkonzerte.eu](http://www.bachkonzerte.eu)
- 11.07.2008 “Klassik airleben” – Open Air, Rosental park, [www.oper-leipzig.de](http://www.oper-leipzig.de)
- 12.07.2008 “Klassik airleben” – Open Air, Rosental park, [www.oper-leipzig.de](http://www.oper-leipzig.de)
- 12.07.–20.07.2008 Leipzig International Choral Festival, St. Nicholas's Church, [www.leipzig2007.com](http://www.leipzig2007.com)

## Event Highlights Art and Culture

- until 20.01.2008 Collection Exhibit: Deutsche Geschichten (German Stories), Galerie für Zeitgenössische Kunst (Gallery for Contemporary Art), [www.gfzk.de](http://www.gfzk.de)
- 15.07.–14.10.2007 Exhibition: Wolfgang Mattheuer. Landscapes and nostalgia Museum der bildenden Künste, (Museum of Fine Arts), [www.mdbk.de](http://www.mdbk.de)
- until 28.02.2009 Panorama Experience: Rom CCCXII – Panometer Leipzig, [www.panometer.de](http://www.panometer.de)
- 15.09.–16.09.2007 Art Gallery Tour, [www.spinnerei.de](http://www.spinnerei.de)

# Leipzig – a festival for the senses!

Welcome to the city of Goethe's "Faust" and Schiller's "Ode to Joy". Fancy listening to the Gewandhaus Orchestra out in the open? No problem. Or prefer jazz or Latin rhythms?

Leipzig will give you the best! And not only in music, by the way: The city's fine arts are world famous, too. Visit the studios and galleries of the Leipzig School of painters in Baumwollspinnerei – or experience masterpieces from all epochs in the Museum of Fine Arts. But most importantly – let the charm of this city cast its spell on you, too. Leipzig has a cultural diversity that is hard to match. It is a colourful and creative city, and there is no prescribed closing time. Whether in the streets or squares, whether in concert halls or in pubs – welcome to Leipzig's impressions for ears, eyes and the heart!



Museum of Fine Arts

## Travel offers

Dates: August 2007 – July 2008

**"Leipzig – a musical & culinary experience"**

### For individual travellers – includes:

- 2 overnight stays with breakfast in a central mid-price hotel
- ticket for the public city sightseeing tour (two hours)
- ticket for the Sunday Concert in the Music Room of Mendelssohn House, followed by a visit to the museum
- coffee break in the restaurant Zum Arabischen Coffe Baum, a popular location among many famous musicians, such as Robert Schumann
- musical surprise present
- folding tourist map

### For groups (of 8 or more) – includes:

- 2 overnight stays with breakfast in a central four-star hotel
- musical and culinary introduction – "Leipziger Lerche" and "Bachtaler"
- guide on the guided walk "Leipzig – City of Music" incl. visits of St Thomas's Church and Bach Museum (two hours)
- visit and guided tour of the Museum of Musical Instruments with demonstration of historical instruments
- dinner – "Saxon Set Meal" (two-course meal excluding drinks) in a traditional restaurant in the city centre
- tickets for Leipzig Gewandhaus, for example, or for Leipzig Opera
- Leipzig folding map

Price p. p. in DR

€ 148,-

Price p. p. in SR

€ 219,-

Price p. p. in DR

€ 189,-

Price p. p. in SR

€ 259,-

03.12.2007

**Opening of the Grassi Museum for Applied Arts, GRASSI**

Museum für Angewandte Kunst, [www.grassimuseum.de](http://www.grassimuseum.de)

until 10.02.2008

**A Glimpse of the Collection/8, KUNSTHALLE** der Sparkasse, [www.kunsthalle-sparkasse.de](http://www.kunsthalle-sparkasse.de)

02.03. – 15.06.2008

**Die Kunst ist weiblich, (Art is Feminine),** Museum der bildenden Künste, [www.mdbk.de](http://www.mdbk.de)

### Regular Music Events

**Fridays 6 pm**

Motets with St Thomas's Boys Choir in St. Thomas's Church.\*

**Saturdays 3 pm**

Motet and Cantata by J. S. Bach with St Thomas's Boys Choir and the Gewandhaus Orchestra in St Thomas's Church.\*

\*except during school holidays and when the choir is on tour.

**Sundays 11 am**

Sunday concert in the Music Room of Mendelssohn House.

**July – August**

**Mondays 7 pm**

Monday Concerts at the Bach Memorial

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