

**At A Glance**  
**50th Annual Classical Music Festival - August 6-16, 2025**

*Preliminary schedule subject to change*  
*As of 08/31/24*

**August 5, Tuesday**

Arrive Vienna. Bus departures at approximately 10:30 am, 2:00 pm, and 5:00 pm to Eisenstadt hotels. Check in, unpack, and read orientation packet.

Dinner on your own

19:00-19:45 House orientation meetings

**August 6, Wednesday 7:00 – 8:30 Breakfast in hotels**

8:00-8:20 Music in the courtyard

8:30-8:45 Welcome – Haydnsaal, Esterhazy Palace

9:00-11:00 Chorus & Soloists – Empiresaal, Esterhazy Palace  
Orchestra - rehearsal Haydnsaal

9:00-10:30 Observers: Review schedule followed by walking tour

11:15-12:00 Combined rehearsal (Haydnsaal)

12:00-14:00 Lunch break

14:00-15:00 Observers: Guided tour Haydn Haus

14:00-15:45 Chorus – (Empiresaal)

Orchestra– (Haydnsaal)

16:00-16:30 Combined rehearsal (Haydnsaal)

17:00-18:30 Mayor's Reception (Rathaus)

Free evening

**August 7, Thursday, 7:00 – 8:30 Breakfast in hotels**

9:00-11:00 Chorus & Soloists – (Empiresaal)  
Orchestra - rehearsal (Haydnsaal)

10:00-11:30 Observers: Tour Bergkirche/Stations of the Cross

11:15-12:00 Combined rehearsal (Haydnsaal)

12:00-14:00 Lunch break

14:00-15:45 Observers: Guided tour of Jewish Museum &  
Judengasse

14:00-15:45 Chorus – (Empiresaal)  
Orchestra–(Haydnsaal)

16:00-16:30 Combined rehearsal (Haydnsaal)

19:00 CMF Choir/Chamber Concert, Bergkirche

**August 8, Friday, 7:00-8:30 Breakfast in hotels**

9:30-10:30 Brush up rehearsal (Haydnsaal)

11:00-12:00 **Classical Music Festival Schloss Matinee**

*Violin Concerto No. 2, Mozart*

*Symphony No. 49, Haydn*

*Choral Fantasy, Beethoven*

13:00-15:00 **Lunch Reception at Hotel Ohr sponsored by  
Landeshauptmann**

15:30-17:00 Esterhazy Palace tours (15:30, 15:40, 15:50; 16:10)

17:30-24:00 **Optional tour - [Opera in the St. Margarethen](#) in  
quarry, Wagner's FLYING DUTCHMAN**

**August 9, Saturday, 7:00-8:30 Breakfast in hotels**

9:30-12:00 Combined rehearsal for chorus, orchestra and soloists  
(Joseph Haydn Private University)

Bring all music to rehearsal

12:00-14:00 Lunch/free time

14:00-15:00 Lecture: Walter Reicher, President Haydn Foundation  
(Haydn: An Original) – JHP or Haus der Begegnung

Festsaal

Free time

16:00-17:30 Combined Rehearsal (Joseph Haydn Private  
University)

**August 10, Sunday, 7:00-8:00 Breakfast in hotels**

8:00 Load buses and depart hotels for Vienna's St.  
Stephen's Cathedral wearing concert attire. Orchestra  
and chorus should bring change of clothes.

9:15 Arrive St. Stephens; buses will have to park several  
blocks away so orchestra, chorus and observers will  
have to walk several blocks (about 15 minutes) to St.  
Stephens with music, instruments, clothes.

10:00 Enter St. Stephen's.

**10:15 Mass at St. Stephen's Cathedral – Nicolaimesse**  
**Mass will be broadcast on Radio Klassik**

<https://www.radio.net/s/radioklassik>

11:00 Change to comfortable clothes in the building next  
to St. Stephen's Cathedral.

11:30 Return to buses to load large instruments, concert  
clothes, music instruments onto buses.

12:00 Lunch on your own, afternoon available for sightseeing

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14:00-15:00 Tour of Vienna Opera House **or free time**  
15:00 Bus departs Vienna for Eisenstadt (with stop at  
Zentralfriedhof) from Albertinaplatz  
17:00 Arrival in Eisenstadt; Crew unloads at HdB  
Dinner on your own

**August 11, Monday 6:00-8:30 Breakfast in hotels**

**TOURS – FREE DAY**

6:45–20:30 Optional tour to Budapest  
6:45-20:00 Optional tour to Melk Abbey, Dürnstein with river cruise  
through the Wachau Valley  
7:45-20:00 Optional tour of Vienna  
19:00 CMF Choir/Chamber Concert – Option 2

**August 12, Tuesday, 7:00-8:30 Breakfast in hotels**

9:00-11:00 Chorus & soloist rehearsal (Empiresaal)  
*Die Schopfung – The Creation, Part I, II*  
9:00-11:00 Orchestra rehearsal (Haydnsaal)  
11:30-12:00 Combined rehearsal  
*Die Schopfung – The Creation, Part I, II*  
12:00-12:30 Manuscripts from  
Esterhazy archives (Oratorium)  
12:30-14:00 **Lunch**  
14:00-16:30 Run thru– chorus, orchestra and soloists  
*Die Schopfung – The Creation, Part I, II*  
16:30-18:00 Dinner  
18:00-20:00 Run thru– chorus, orchestra and soloists  
*Die Schopfung – The Creation, Part III*

**August 13, Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:30 Breakfast in hotels**

10:00-12:00 Rehearsal (Haydnsaal)  
12:00-14:00 Lunch  
14:00-16:30 DRESS  
*Die Schopfung – The Creation, Part I, II, III*  
Free evening

**August 14, Thursday, 7:00-8:30 Breakfast in hotels**

11:00-13:00 Brush Up, *Die Schopfung – The Creation*  
13:00 Lunch, rest, dinner . . . .  
18:30 Warm Up – CMF Chorus  
19:30 **Classical Music Festival Schloss Gala**  
*Die Schopfung – The Creation*  
**Reception following Gala concert in the Gartensaal**

**August 15, Friday, 7:00-8:30 Breakfast in hotels**

9:00 Set up in Bergkirche  
9:30 Arrival of chorus, orchestra, soloists  
**10:15-11:30 Mass at Bergkirche – Maria Himmelfahrt**  
*Nicolaimesse, Haydn*  
**11:30-12:00 Reception at Bergkirche following mass**  
Lunch on your own  
The rest of the day is open for last minute shopping,  
packing, free time, etc.

**August 16, Saturday, 7:00-8:30 Breakfast in hotels**

Bus departures for Vienna Airport beginning around  
3:00-3:30 am. Box breakfasts provided for early  
departures