

Descriptions of Performances at AIMS in Graz

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Faculty Artists in Recital

Presents faculty members in recital on the first Monday night of AIMS.

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Weekly or twice weekly (Monday and Wednesday)

Presents AIMS singers in works of their choice in vocal (solo and ensemble) and vocal with instruments performances. Requires sign-up and approval of voice teacher, vocal coach and diction coach.

Orchestra members may sign up to perform as soloists. There are three chamber music evenings for instrumentalists and instrumentalists with vocalists.

AIMS Opening Ceremony

AIMS opens each year with a festive ceremony, consisting of orchestral and choral music and short speeches by dignitaries of Graz, Styria and the American Embassy in Vienna.

AIMS Opening Reception

The Governor of Styria welcomes AIMS at Schloss Eggenberg in the beautiful Planetensaal Ballroom. It's a time to dress up! Brass players welcome us into the courtyard, and strings and the AIMS Chorale entertain. Finger food, wine, beer and apfelsaft are served.

AIMS Spiritual Concert

Austrians love American spirituals. Volunteer singers present an hour-long program in one or more churches in/around Graz.

AIMS in the Leonhard Kirche

Sunday mornings, volunteer soloists present sacred music of their choice. Instrumentalists are welcome, too.

AIMS Singt für das Publikum

Short programs are organized by vocal coaches and presented in various Altstadt streets and courtyards providing an opportunity to perform under less than ideal circumstances and as a statement to the Graz public that "AIMS is Here!"

AIMS Operetta Programs

Works drawn mainly from various German operettas – solo, duet, ensemble – usually with a theme, sometimes from only one or two operettas. Presented in various venues in Graz (see events schedule) multiple times.

AIMS at the Hotel Erherzog-Johann

An AIMS tradition – four different programs are organized around a theme (Italian opera, Mozart, operetta, American, musicals, etc.) and the chef prepares a buffet dinner menu appropriate to the theme.

Various Venues

The Artistic Director chooses performers to present programs suitable for the audiences consisting of vocal solos, ensembles and instrumental works. Repertoire varies from opera to Broadway. These are presented in and around Graz utilizing indoor and outdoor venues. Venues have included Graz Altstadt courtyards, the a Sunday morning brunch at the Graz Stadtmuseum, a benefit for children with heart defects in Unterpremstätten, the Leibnitz Kunsthaus (a benefit for the Lions Club), the Leoben Stadttheater, et al.

AIMS Summer Festival Concerts in Graz

Four or 5 concerts are presented with the AIMS Festival Orchestra in Graz and may be repeated outside of Graz, depending on bookings. The music and casts are selected by a committee and the orchestra conductors. Solo, duet and ensemble pieces from opera, and symphonic works and operatic overtures are included. Scenes from one or more operas may be presented. These are performed in the Stefaniensaal, a beautiful concert hall in Graz; the concert devoted to operetta is performed in the Kasematten (ruin of the castle on the Schlossberg). Usually, one of these concerts is repeated in Kunsthaus Weiz and other small cities outside Graz. The fourth concert with orchestra presents the AIMS Meistersinger Vocal Competition finalists in Helmut-List-Halle, a large modern hall with excellent acoustics. Kathryn and Helmut List are major patrons of AIMS in Graz and the Vocal Competition. A gala evening!

Liederabende

Four Liederabende are presented by the Concert Studio artists. Performance venues include the "Meerscheinschössl", a small palace near Karl-Franzen Universität, the Odilien Institute, the Landeskrankenhaus Kirche and the beautiful Minoritensaal.

Instrumental Chamber Music Concerts

Three chamber music concerts are scheduled by the musicians of the AIMS Orchestra in Graz along with singers. These may be scheduled for either the Odilien Festsaal or the Leonhard Kirche Pfarrsaal.