



GREAT OUTDOORS:
Grafenegg combines
old and new settings

Wiener Festwochen

9 May – 15 June

There's a wide range of music on offer in Vienna. A Madrid production of Mozart's *Così fan tutte* and electronica band Kraftwerk are par for the course in a Festival that likes to provoke.

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www.festwochen.at

Istanbul Festival

31 May – 27 June

With 'Classical Sundays' colonising the city parks and gardens, Istanbul's theme of 'The Song of Nature' is being heeded literally. Pianist Piotr Anderszewski and Il Giardino Armonico blossom.

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muzik.iksv.org/en/program

Bachfest Leipzig

13-22 June

Tafelmusik is flying in from Toronto to join fellow visitors Amsterdam Baroque and the Academy of Ancient Music for a festival that shines a spotlight on CPE Bach's tercentenary.

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www.bach-leipzig.de

Munich Opera Festival

27 June – 31 July

More than 130 years after it was founded, operatic Munich goes from strength to strength. Highlights include tenor Jonas Kaufmann in concert, lashings of anniversary Strauss, and new productions of Rossini's *William Tell* and Monteverdi's *L'Orfeo*.

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www.bayerische.staatsoper.de

Incontri In Terra

Di Siena

19-27 July

A potted history of Italian song spanning half a millennium, a complete Bartók cycle from the Borromeo Quartet and violinist Maxim Vengerov are some of this year's Tuscan treasures.

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www.itslafoce.org

Itineraire Baroque

24-27 July

Set in verdant Périgord, Ton Koopman's celebration of the Baroque brings his Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra and Choir to the region's ancient Romanesque churches. It ends with the Monteverdi Vespers.

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www.itinerairebaroque.com

Grafenegg Festival

14 August – 7 September

In an idyllic setting (above) that is complete with a fairytale castle and a futuristic al fresco stage, Grafenegg is a magnet for top orchestras, including the Filarmonica della Scala and the St Petersburg Philharmonic.

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www.grafenegg.com

Stresa Festival

19 August – 6 September

'Music on the move' is the theme giving lakeside Stresa its legs, and since the opening night coincides with the festival's 1,000th concert, artistic director Gianandrea Noseda goes the extra mile.

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www.stresafestival.eu