



# Press Release

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## Highlights 2008

In 2008 **Munich** will be **850 years old**. The town's birthday will be celebrated throughout the summer with a large number of events.

In addition, Munich's Cultural Calendar has something to offer for every occasion and every taste. To help you find your way around, we have brought the **Top Events 2008** together on this page.

### Art and Culture

8<sup>th</sup> February – 27<sup>th</sup> April 08  
12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> April 08  
17<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> May

From May 2008  
From 6<sup>th</sup> June 2008  
28<sup>th</sup> June – 31<sup>st</sup> July 08  
5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> July 08  
Probably  
25<sup>th</sup> Oct 08 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 09

**Mark Rothko – Retrospective**  
**The Ballet Week**  
**The 11<sup>th</sup> Munich Biennale –**  
**The international festival for new musical theatre**  
**Adolph Menzel - Exhibition**  
**Typically Munich - Exhibition**  
**The Munich Opera Festival**  
**Classical Music at the Odeonsplatz**  
**Kandinsky – Exhibition**

### Festivals and Markets

14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> June 08  
19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> July  
1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> August  
20<sup>th</sup> Sept – 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 08

**The Town Foundation Festival**  
**The Old Town Ring Road Festival**  
**The Isar Bridges Festival**  
**The Oktoberfest**

### Sport

26<sup>th</sup> April – 4<sup>th</sup> May 08  
12<sup>th</sup> October 2008

**The BMW Tennis Open**  
**The Munich Marathon**



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#### 7<sup>th</sup> Jan – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2008 **Fasching**

Even though the Munich Fasching season is especially short this year a large variety of balls – from the classical evening dress ball to the colourful fancy-dress event – offer plenty of opportunities to celebrate Fasching. "Mad Munich" takes place on Sunday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 08, on the Monday before Lent, the 4<sup>th</sup> February 08, and on Shrove Tuesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> February 08 in the pedestrian zone with music, fancy-dress and dancing. One of the highlights of the Munich Fasching is the Dance of the Market Women on the Victuals Market on Shrove Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 08, at 11 am.

Information: Tourismusamt München, Tel (089) 23396500, Fax (089) 23330233  
tourismus@muenchen.de, www.muenchen-tourist.de

12<sup>th</sup> January 2008

#### **Beauty and the Beast** **An opera by Philip Glass** **Premiere**

In 1994 the composer Philip Glass created the opera version of the old French fairy tale "Beauty and the Beast". Rosamund Gilmore will be producing the piece for the Gärtnerplatz Theatre, and it will be conducted by David Stahl.

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Tickets: Staatstheater am Gärtnerplatz, Tel (089) 21851960, Fax (089) 20238684  
Email: tickets@st-gaertner.bayern.de

28<sup>th</sup> January 2008

**Nabucco**  
**An opera by Giuseppe Verdi**  
**Premiere**

The Greek producer Yannis Kokkos will stage this successful work by the young Verdi. Paolo Carignani will be at the conductor's desk of the State Orchestra.

Bavarian State Opera

Tickets: Tel (089) 21851920, Fax (089) 21851903, email: [tickets@st-oper.bayern.de](mailto:tickets@st-oper.bayern.de)

Bayerische Staatsoper, Tel (089) 21851021, Fax (089) 21851023  
[presse@st-oper.bayern.de](mailto:presse@st-oper.bayern.de), [www.staatsoper.de](http://www.staatsoper.de)

8<sup>th</sup> February – 27<sup>th</sup> April 08 **Mark Rothko – Retrospective**

This retrospective in the Hypo Bank Art Gallery is dedicated to the Russian-American painter Mark Rothko (1903-1970), who is regarded as one of the most important representatives of abstract Expressionism. Especially well known are his huge oil paintings, which achieve their expressiveness through areas of colour made to soak into and over one another.

Kunsthalle der Hypo-Kulturstiftung

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14<sup>th</sup> February 08

**Body Languages – Dance Theatre**  
**Premiere**

On several evenings the dance series "Body Languages" portrays internationally renowned choreographers and their different styles. The first guest-choreographers' evening in the 2007/2008 season stages choreographies by Stephan Thoss, William Forsythe and Marco Goecke.

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February – Mid March 08      **The Strong Beer season**

The traditional serving of the spring strong beers in Munich begins, as always, after Fasching has ended and lasts four weeks. The official opening, attended by many prominent guests, takes place with the tapping of the first barrel in the restaurant "Paulaner Wirtshaus am Nockherberg". There are also celebrations in the Löwenbräukeller, among other places, (the strong beer period is from 15<sup>th</sup> February to 15<sup>th</sup> March), where there is a programme of groups in local costumes and competitions in stone-lifting. (Strong beer final with a competition on 1<sup>st</sup> April).

The people of Munich owe this "spring health cure" to the monks, who since time immemorial have brewed an especially nutritious beer during Lent to strengthen their bodies weakened by fasting.

Löwenbräukeller, Tel (089) 526021, Fax (089) 528933 (Strong beer final on 15<sup>th</sup> March ; Starkbierzeit 15<sup>th</sup> February to 15<sup>th</sup> March 08)  
Paulaner am Nockherberg, Tel (089) 459913-0, Fax (089) 459913200

28<sup>th</sup> Feb – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2008      **True Romance –  
Allegories of love from the Renaissance  
to the present time**

This exhibition shows how images of love have changed in different epochs and art genres – special attention will be paid to contemporary varieties of the theme of love.

Museum Villa Stuck

Museum Villa Stuck, Tel (089) 4555510, Fax (089) 45555124  
Email: villastuck@muenchen.de, www.villastuck.de

28<sup>th</sup> Feb – 9<sup>th</sup> March 08      **The 7<sup>th</sup> Munich Designparcours**

Young designers, whose works are selected by an independent jury of experts, are given the opportunity in the framework of an exhibition to present their products, ideas and concepts to the public at large for the first time. It is the aim of the Forum Young Design to show especially innovative and independent projects for the areas of design applying to products, graphic art, fashion, textiles, websites, sound, photography and film.

The exhibition is supplemented by a diverse backup programme at various venues in the centre of Munich.

Organisers and press contact: Wengmann + Rattan, Tel (089) 76 77 38 28, Fax (089) 76 77 38 29; info@designparcours.net; www.designparcours.net

15<sup>th</sup> March 2008

**I Masnadieri – The Robbers**  
**An opera by Giuseppe Verdi**  
**Premiere**

In this new production by Thomas Wunsch and under the musical direction of Henrik Nánási Verdi's opera is being staged at the Gärtnerplatz Theatre. The text will be sung in Italian, with German surtitles.

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16<sup>th</sup> March 2008

**Tamerlano**  
**An opera by Georg Friedrich Handel**  
**Premiere**

Producer Pierre Audi is staging a new Georg Friedrich Handel's baroque masterpiece for the Bavarian State Opera. The musical director is Ivor Bolton.

Bayerische Staatsoper

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28<sup>th</sup> March 2008

**Short Cuts**  
**Dance Theatre and Choreographic Laboratory**  
**Premiere**

Following the tradition of the Gärtnerplatz Theatre, the dancers of the ensemble are given the chance to present their own pieces and to show themselves in the role of the choreographer.

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Spring 2008

**The Re-opening of  
the BMW-Museum**

The BMW-Museum will present itself to the public with an enlarged exhibition area and a new overall concept.

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[www.press.bmwgroup.com](http://www.press.bmwgroup.com)

11<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> April 2008

**The Spring Festival on the Theresienwiese**

An amusement park with over 100 showmen and various beer tents with live music changing daily invites its visitors to celebrate on the Theresienwiese, where a varied programme awaits them.

Organiser: Veranstaltungsgesellschaft der Münchner Schausteller

Tel (089) 69759393, Fax (089) 69759394  
Email: [vms@muenchner-volksfeste.de](mailto:vms@muenchner-volksfeste.de), [www.muenchner-volksfeste.de](http://www.muenchner-volksfeste.de)

11<sup>th</sup> April 2008

**Christ O  
Rock Opera – Premiere**

Music and song texts for the rock opera "Christ O" were composed by the German band Vanden Plas and lead-singer Andy Kuntz based on motifs from the novel "The Count of Monte Christo" by Alexandre Dumas the Elder.

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12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2008

**The Ballet Week**

The Ballet Week opens on the 12<sup>th</sup> April with the **premiere** of two new creations by Martin Schläpfer and a young choreographer on the international scene as well as a classic by Hans van Manen.

Martin Schläpfer, one of Germany's sensational contemporary choreographers and the ballet Director in Mainz, will create a new work for the Munich ensemble for the concert for viola and orchestra by Sofia Gubaidulina. The visual artist Rosalie will be responsible for space and costumes.

The second creation for this three-part evening will be compiled by a young choreographer on the international scene also together with a visual artist.

"Adagio Hammerklavier" is the classic of the evening: a work by the Dutch choreographer Hans van Manen from 1973 to music by Ludwig van Beethoven.

In addition, among others, **Onegin** by John Cranko, **Le Corsaire** by Marius Petipa and **The Storm** by Jörg Mannes will be included in the programme of the Ballet Week.

Advance booking by post begins on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2008; the sale of tickets by telephone, at the box office and online begins on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

Bayerische Staatsoper, Tel (089) 2185 1719, Fax (089) 2185 1703  
Email: yvonne.vonduehren@st-oper.bayern.de; www.staatsballett.de

17<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2008      **The 11<sup>th</sup> Munich Biennale –  
International festival for musical theatre**

"Distance / Closeness" is the motto of the 11<sup>th</sup> Munich Biennale. All the compositions for the new operas have been commissioned by the City of Munich. The four musical theatre productions are by the composers Klaus Lang, Enno Poppe, Jens Joneleit and Carola Bauckholt. For the first time there will be a large-scale concert cycle of new music on the theme, also commissioned by the City of Munich.

Venue: Gasteig, Prinzregententheater, Muffathalle and others

Information: Tel (089) 2805607, Fax (089) 2805679  
karl.beckers@spielmotor.de, www.muenchenerbiennale.de

26<sup>th</sup> April – 4<sup>th</sup> May 2008      **The May Dult**

The May Dult opens the Munich Dult year on Mariahilfplatz in the district of Au. The friends of flea markets, collectors of crockery and lovers of Bavarian delicacies will find what they are looking for at this funfair-cum-street market, as will young and old merry-go-round riders.

Information: Tourismusamt München, Tel (089) 23396500, Fax (089) 23330233  
tourismus@muenchen.de, www.muenchen-tourist.de

26<sup>th</sup> April – 4<sup>th</sup> May 08      **The BMW Open Tennis Tournament  
93<sup>rd</sup> International Tennis Championships of Bavaria**

The Iphitos Tennis Club is again offering more than just tennis in 2008: in the wonderful grounds on the edge of the English Gardens adults and children can expect a varied fringe programme: live music, attractive exhibitors with the latest products as well as culinary delights, while at the same time the tennis elite is competing for points, prize money and the winner's BMW car.

Venue: Tennisstadion Iphitos

Information: MTC Iphitos, Tel (089) 3220903, Fax (089) 32209055  
information@iphitos.de, www.iphitos.de

Tickets: München Ticket, Tel (089) 54818181, Fax (089) 54818154  
Info@muenchenticket.de, www.muenchenticket.de

From May 2008

**Adolph Menzel**  
**"Radically Real"**

For the first time in Munich an exhibition is being dedicated to the draughtsman and painter Adolph Menzel (1815 – 1905). He is regarded as the great realist of the 19th century. The aim of the exhibition is to watch over the shoulder of the artist Menzel, so to speak, and to clearly bring out the development and growth of his sketchbooks, of his pages and prints. While doing so, the path from the first fleeting perception to the completed composition can be reconstructed.

Kunsthalle der Hypo-Kulturstiftung

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presse@hypo-kunsthalle.de, www.hypo-kunsthalle.de

May 2008 to  
mid-August 2008

**Robert Rauschenberg**  
**Travelling 70's – 76**

The American painter, graphic designer and object artist Robert Rauschenberg is regarded as one of the pioneers of Pop Art in the USA. The exhibition in the Haus der Kunst, the title of which was chosen by the artist himself, who is now over 80 years old, refers to his work in the early 70's, which was influenced above all by his travels through Europe.

Haus der Kunst, Tel (089) 21127115, Fax (089) 21127157, Email: presse@hausderkunst.de  
www.hausderkunst.de

Probably  
5<sup>th</sup> May – 20<sup>th</sup> June 08

**Circus Flic Flac**  
**"No Limits"**

Under the new motto "No Limits" the well-known circus offers plenty of action and artistes who perform breath-taking feats in a top-class, high-speed programme.

Venue: Theresienwiese

Tickets: circus box office, Tel 0700-666 66611

Kontakt: www.flicflac.de

19<sup>th</sup> May 2008

**Die Bassariden**  
**A musical drama by Hans Werner Henze**  
**Premiere**

In 1966 Hans Werner Henze's "Bassariden" established the composer's international fame and is one of the classics of contemporary modernity. The music drama will be staged for the first time for the Bavarian State Opera by producer Christof Loy. The conductor is Marc Albrecht.

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Bayerische Staatsoper, Tel (089) 21851021, Fax (089) 21851023  
presse@st-oper.bayern.de, www.staatsoper.de

20<sup>th</sup> May 2008

**Fra Diavolo or Brother Devil**  
**A comic opera by Daniel Auber**  
**Premiere**

This will be an opportunity for the public to become acquainted with the new State Director, Ulrich Peters, as a producer, since he will be responsible for the new staging of this opera, which was first performed in Paris in 1830.

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End of May 2008 –  
end of August 2008

**The Academy is 200 Years Old**

To mark the occasion of the 200<sup>th</sup> jubilee of Munich's Academy of Fine Arts, the Haus der Kunst is devoting an extensive exhibition to the eventful history of this institution. Top priority is being given to the works of its teachers and their pupils who have become famous. Some of the Academy's graduates, such as Wilhelm Leibl (1844-1900), Franz Marc (1880-1916) and Wassily Kandinsky (1866-1944) later became pioneers of modern art. The Academy reached the pinnacle of its reputation at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century as the location of an international avant-garde with students such as Paul Klee (1879-1940) or Giorgio de Chirico (1888-1978).

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www.hausderkunst.de

31<sup>st</sup> May 08

### **The Long Night of Music**

Music-lovers and night owls are looking forward to the Long Night of Music, for this is the night in which places offering music join forces from 8 pm to 3 am to create a major event. On offer is a very diverse programme of live music from rock, pop, classical, jazz and klezmer to cabaret, church music and salon music.

The reliable shuttle bus service will carry visitors from one venue to the other.

Organiser: münchen kultur GmbH, Tel (089) 30610041, Fax (089) 30610012,  
Information: Tel (089) 30610041; Email: [Information@muenchner.de](mailto:Information@muenchner.de), [www.muenchner.de](http://www.muenchner.de)

Tickets: München Ticket, Tel (089) 54818181, Fax (089) 54818154  
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Summer 2008

### **Bridge-building – Munich 850 Years Old**

In 2008 Munich is celebrating its 850<sup>th</sup> birthday. Under the motto "Bridge-building", throughout the summer (from mid-May to mid-September) a broad spectrum of events will be held in all town districts, worked out and presented by the City of Munich and by different societies, initiatives, artists and citizens.

From

30<sup>th</sup> May 2008

### **The Valentin-Karlstadt Musäum in New Splendour**

On the occasion of the celebrations to mark the 850<sup>th</sup> birthday of the town, the Valentin-Karlstadt Musäum will present itself with a new exhibition concept following its renovations and a new arrangement of its exhibits – focusing on Karl Valentin, Liesl Karlstadt and the Folk Singers.

Information: Valentin-Karlstadt-Musäum, Tel (089) 22 32 66, Fax (089) 29 46 72,  
Email: [info@valentin-musaeum.de](mailto:info@valentin-musaeum.de); [www.valentin-musaeum.de](http://www.valentin-musaeum.de)

5<sup>th</sup> June – 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 2008

### **The Munich Secession – Exhibition**

Founded in Munich in 1892, the artists' association "Munich Secession" opposed a narrow and conservative view of 19<sup>th</sup> century art and championed a pioneering liberation of art. Its founding members included, in addition to Franz von Stuck, also Peter Behrens, Lovis Corinth, Adolph Hölzl and Max Liebermann. In a very short time Secessions were formed in Darmstadt, Dresden, Vienna and Berlin following the Munich example. The exhibition stresses the standing of Munich prevailing then, as it does today, as an international metropolis of art and culture.

Venue: Museum Villa Stuck

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[www.villastuck.de](http://www.villastuck.de)

6<sup>th</sup> June 2008

**"Typically Munich!"**

The permanent exhibition "Typically Munich!" will for the first time encompass Munich's cultural history from its foundation legends to the present time in one tour through the museum. On three storeys of the redeveloped and now re-opened Arsenal on St.-Jakobs-Platz, with the help of outstanding items in the collection, everything can be seen which is typical of the town and its inhabitants.

Venue: Stadtmuseum München; Information: Tel (089) 233 22370, Fax (089) 233 25033, Email: stadtmuseum@muenchen.de, www.stadtmuseum-online.de

8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> June 08

**A Commissioned Work for the City's 850<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

In her commissioned work the Russian-born composer Victoria Borisova-Ollas has explored the sounds of the city. The Munich Philharmonic Orchestra will perform the composition in three concerts.

14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> June

**The Town Foundation Festival**

In this jubilee year, 2008, the traditional Town Foundation Festival will take place between Marienplatz, Stachus and Odeonsplatz in an expanded form. Artists of all kinds will show the diversity of the town's cultural life.

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> July 2008

**"Neighbours Build Bridges" – A Festival Weekend on St.-Jakobs-Platz**

For the first time all the neighbours on the newly developed St.-Jakobs-Platz in the heart of Munich will together open their doors: monastery church and synagogue are offering guided tours, the City Museum is showing its new large exhibition "Typically Munich!" (opening on 6<sup>th</sup> June 08); art, culture and culinary treats invite visitors to enjoy themselves and make discoveries.

12<sup>th</sup> July 2008

**A Special Concert of the Munich Philharmonic Orchestra**

The special concert of the Munich Philharmonic Orchestra to mark the 850<sup>th</sup> birthday of the town will be conducted by its General Music Director, Christian Thielemann.

Venue: Philharmonie

19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> July

**The Old Town Ring Road Festival**

Various stopping points and scenes played out along the Old Town Ring Road invite the spectators to a theatrical, musical and playful journey in time through the city's past and present.

1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> August

**The Isar Bridges Festival**

To recall the building of a bridge across the river Isar by Henry the Lion in 1158, the Isar bridges will become the central venues of these summer-time celebrations. "Isar Bridge Nights" with music under the bridges, dancing on beaches, bright lights on the water, eating and drinking are being planned.

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June to August 2008                    **Favourites II – Exhibition**

Young Munich artists are given the chance to present their works in the Kunstbau of the Lenbach House.

Venue: Kunstbau in the Lenbachhaus

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Email: presse-lenbachhaus@muenchen.de, www.lenbachhaus.de

12<sup>th</sup> June 2008                            **Romeo and Juliet**  
    **A ballet by Hans Henning Paar**  
    **Premiere**

Based on William Shakespeare's play and to the music of Sergej Prokofiev, Hans Henning Paar will show his choreography of the tragic love story for the company of the State Theatre at Gärtnerplatz.

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14<sup>th</sup> June & 18<sup>th</sup> June 2008    **The Re-opening of the Cuvilliés Theatre**

This theatre, built according to plans drawn up by François Cuvilliés the Elder from 1751 to 1755, is a pearl of courtly rococo.

After the completion of the renovation work, theatrical performances are to be resumed with all due ceremony with the Mozart opera **Idomeneo** on 14<sup>th</sup> June – for the 850<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of Munich.

**(Please note:** the first performance is private; after that the theatre will be open to the general public; see premiere below.)

Press information: Bayerisches Staatsministerium der Finanzen, Tel (089) 2306-2460,  
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18<sup>th</sup> June 2008                            **Idomeneo**  
    **An opera by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart**  
    **Premiere**

For the re-opening of the Cuvilliés Theatre, Mozart's Munich masterpiece will be staged in a new production at the place where it was first performed. Dieter Dorn, the director of the Bavarian State Theatre, is responsible for the production. The conductor will be Kent Nagano.

Further performances: 21<sup>st</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> June; 1<sup>st</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> July

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### 20<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2008      **The Munich Film Festival**

The international film scene presents itself in Munich. Cinema fans, international stars, young talent, representatives of the film branch and journalists meet to discover current films together. Many German, European and world premieres are on the programme.

The venues are the cinemas along the "Isar Mile" from the Rio Cinema, the Gasteig, the cinemas in the Forum at the Deutsches Museum and Maxx to the Munich Film Museum.

Internationale Filmwochen GmbH, Tel (089) 3819040, Fax (089) 38190426,  
info@filmfest-muenchen.de, www.filmfest-muenchen.de

### 26<sup>th</sup> June – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2008      **The Tollwood Summer Festival**

In 2008 Tollwood is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Internationally renowned artistes will appear on the festival's stages. And then there is the effective mix of pop, rock and jazz from all continents as well as live music from Munich and its environs.

Venue: Olympiapark Süd

Information: Goldmann PR, Tel (089) 21116418, Fax (089) 21116429  
bettina.pauly@goldmannpr.de, presse@tollwood.de; www.tollwood.de

### 28<sup>th</sup> June – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2008      **The Opera Festival**

The highlights of the Munich Opera Festival in 2008 include the two Festival premieres: the first performance of **Doktor Faust** by Ferruccio Busoni on 28<sup>th</sup> June (musical director: Tomás Netopil); producer: Nicolas Brieger) in the National Theatre and **Adriane auf Naxos** by Richard Strauss on 24<sup>th</sup> July (musical director: Kent Nagano; producer: Robert Carsen) in the Prinzregenten Theatre.

On 12<sup>th</sup> July the Festival Concert "**Opera for All**" under the musical direction of Kent Nagano will be taking place on the Marstallplatz (admission free): the Symphony No 1 in D minor by Charles Ives and the Symphony No 9 in C major, D 944 "Die Grosse" by Franz Schubert will be performed.

The handling of the written ticket orders begins on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2008. Advance sales at the Festival Box Office is on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2008, from 10 am to 7 pm. The sale of the remaining tickets begins on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008.

Bayerische Staatsoper, Tel (089) 21851021, Fax (089) 21851023  
presse@st-oper.bayern.de, www.staatsoper.de

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> July 2008

### **Classical Music at the Odeonsplatz – Open Air**

Munich's great annual open-air concert of classical music will be taking place for the 8<sup>th</sup> time. This event, mounted by the Department of Culture jointly with the Munich Philharmonic Orchestra and the Symphony Orchestra of the Bavarian Broadcasting Corporation, is one of Munich's cultural summer highlights. The audience, celebrating under the stars, feels that being on the Odeonsplatz is like being on an Italian piazza, framed by festively illuminated historical buildings, such as the Theatinerkirche and the Royal Residence.

Information on the programme can be found on the internet from the beginning of November.

Information: Pro Events Veranstaltungen GmbH, Tel: (089) 89438010, Fax: (089) 89438019,  
br@proevents.de

Press contact: Mayr Nell Public Relations, Tel: (089) 14330221, Fax (089) 14330222  
mayr@mayr-nell.de

26<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2008 **Jacob's Dult**

The second of the traditional Dults on the Mariahilfplatz in the district of Au always takes place at the end of July.

Information: Tourismusamt München, Tel (089) 23396500, Fax (089) 23330233  
tourismus@muenchen.de, www.muenchen-tourist.de

1<sup>st</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2008 **The 57<sup>th</sup> ARD International Music Competition**

Each year some 500 young musicians from all nations who are aiming at an international career compete in the International Music Competition of the ARD (the working pool of Germany's public broadcasting corporations), which is regarded as one of the major classical music competitions. The final round is traditionally held in the Herkules Hall in the Royal Residence. This year applications to compete in the following areas are invited: viola, clarinet, fagot and string quartet.

Information: Tel (089) 59002471, Fax (089) 59003573  
ard.musikwettbewerb@brnet.de, www.ard-musikwettbewerb.de

12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 2008    **OPEN ART**  
**The art weekend of the Munich galleries**

The 65 galleries of contemporary art are jointly opening the new season after the summer break with Open Art. The galleries and their exhibitions can be visited during the entire weekend.

Initiative: Münchner Galerien zeitgenössischer Kunst  
Tel (089) 29 20 15, Fax (089) 22 85324  
muenchner-galerien@ngi.de, www.muenchner-galerien.de

19<sup>th</sup> Sept 08 – 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2009    **Spirit and God**

The Haus der Kunst is exhibiting 20<sup>th</sup> century modern art with reference to its metaphysical and spiritual aspects. Artists show their will to find new forms for understanding the infinite. Works by Brancusi, De Chirico, Duchamp, C. D. Friedrich, Gauguin, Jawlensky, Malevitch, Mondrian, Munch, Nauman and many more will be presented.

In cooperation with the Centre George Pompidou

Haus der Kunst, Tel (089) 21127115, Fax (089) 21127157, email: presse@hausderkunst.de  
www.hausderkunst.de

20<sup>th</sup> Sept – 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 2008    **The Oktoberfest**

With the traditional "Ozapft is" (the barrel is tapped) the Lord Mayor opens the world's largest funfair at 12 noon. Highlights of the Oktoberfest are the **entry of the Oktoberfest landlords and breweries** on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> September, and the **Costumes and Marksmen's Procession** on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> September.

Information: Tourismusamt München, Tel (089) 23396500, Fax (089) 23330233  
tourismus@muenchen.de, www.muenchen-tourist.de

12<sup>th</sup> October 2008    **The Munich Marathon 2008**

It's worth sticking it out to the end as the route takes in Munich's finest sights and squares. An attractive fringe programme provides information and fun.

Information: medien.marathon münchen gmbh, Tel (089) 17095570, Fax (089) 17095572  
Info@medienmarathon.de, www.medienmarathon.de

18.10. – 26.10.2008      **The Kermis Dult**

The Kermis Dult traditionally closes the Dult year.

Information: Tourismusamt München, Tel (089) 23396500, Fax (089) 23330233  
tourismus@muenchen.de, www.muenchen-tourist.de

Probably  
Autumn 2008

**The Opening of the New Museum Building  
for the Brandhorst Collection**

The Museum for the Brandhorst Collection, designed by the German-British team of architects Matthias Sauerbruch and Louisa Hutton, is under construction close to the Pinakothek Modern. The collection focuses on selected works of classical modernity as well as artists who decisively influenced the art of the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Information: Tel (089)23805-118, Fax (089)23805-125,  
Email: presse@museum-brandhorst.de, www.pinakothek.de

Probably  
25<sup>th</sup> Oct 08 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 09      **Kandinsky Exhibition  
Lenbachhaus**

The Russian painter Wassily Kandinsky (1866 -1944), a founding member of the group of Expressionist artists "Der Blaue Reiter" (Blue Rider), is considered to be one of the great pioneers of art in the 20th century.

**Please note:** After this exhibition the Lenbachhaus will close for alterations and renovation. The London architects' office Forster and Partners is responsible for redesigning the building. During the alterations there will be an exhibition close to the Lenbachhaus in the **Kunstbau**, which is situated in the Königsplatz underground station.

The opening of the refurbished museum is planned for the year 2011. That year is also the centenary of the founding of "Der Blaue Reiter" group of Expressionist artists.

Städtische Galerie im Lenbachhaus

Press information: Tel (089) 233 320 20, Fax (089) 233 320 03, Email: presse-lenbachhaus@muenchen.de, www.lenbachhaus.de

27.11. – 31.12.08

### **The Tollwood Winter Festival**

In the winter "Tollwood" receives its visitors with an evocative Christmas market, theatre and music in several tents on the Theresienwiese. In the large tent there is musical theatre of a very special kind with an exclusive menu.

Venue: Theresienwiese

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28.11. – 24.12.08

### **The Christmas Market**

Munich's traditional Christmas Market on the Marienplatz. A huge Christmas tree, decorated with lights, rises over the magical pre-Christmas atmosphere of the stalls and stands. Every day at 5.30 pm there is Advent music from the Town Hall balcony.

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tourismus@muenchen.de, www.muenchen-tourist.de

Probably  
from November 2008

### **Munich Ice Magic**

An exciting ice-skating rink will again offer all ice-skating fans a place to enjoy their hobby at the Stachus (Karlsplatz).

Venue: Karlsplatz (Stachus)  
Information: [www.muenchnereiszauber.de](http://www.muenchnereiszauber.de)

**Please note:** The telephone and fax numbers given provide a chance to contact the organisers' press offices and are not intended for queries from the general public.

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As of September 2007

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