

Postcard from Salzburg



On the agenda:

**15th Intl. Mozart
Competition Salzburg**

Dates: 3-16 February 2023

Disciplines: String Quartet,
Voice

Venue: Mozarteum, Solitär,
Mirabellplatz 1

Planning a visit to Salzburg? For those living a bit further away from the Mozart City, you should know that the famous *Zauberflöten-Häuschen*, or Magic Flute Pavillon, has been completely renovated and is now open to the public in the courtyard of Mozart's house.

Never heard of this *Häuschen*? Well... the year was 1791, and Mozart had only a few months to live. Time was running out before the premiere of the Magic Flute on 30 September, and Emanuel Schikaneder was getting worried: the music was not ready. Legend has it that he locked Mozart in the pavilion, forcing him to work.

80 years after Mozart's death, the little house was given to Mozarteum and was moved from Vienna to Salzburg, where it was placed on Kapuzinerberg mountain in 1877. After two more temporary locations it has been moved again in October 2022 and has become a major attraction in front of Mozarts house on Makartplatz.



Should it be raining while you are visiting the city (and it does rain in Salzburg!), you might want to take refuge in one of the many famous cafés in the city and try one of the famous Mozartkugel chocolates. Please be careful, though: chances are your „original“ Mozart chocolate may not have been produced in Salzburg or not even in Austria. *Reber*, the worldwide biggest manufacturer, is based in nearby Bad Reichenhall, Germany. Another huge brand, *Mirabell*, recently went bankrupt and was taken over by an American company. Your safest bet is always the original: *Café Fürst*. Wrapped in a blue and silver cover, it is completely round and has not changed since its creation in 1890.

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