



VIENNA BOYS CHOIR
(WIENER SÄNGERKNABEN)

FLORIAN SCHWARZ, CONDUCTOR

FEBRUARY 26, 2010

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Vienna Boys Choir [Wiener Sängerknaben]

When Emperor Maximilian I moved his court to Vienna over 500 years ago, one of his first Imperial acts was to found the Hofmusikkapelle, which later became the fabled Vienna Boys Choir. Until 1918, the choir sang exclusively for the court, at mass, at private concerts and functions, and on special state occasions.

At the end of the Great War, the Vienna Boys Choir became independent. The imperial uniform was replaced by the sailor suit, then the height of boys' fashion and, for the first time, the choir was heard outside of Austria. Before long, they were being celebrated in the musical capitals of Europe, North America, Australia, South Africa and the Orient. Despite this world-wide recognition, the Vienna Boys Choir still provide music for the Sunday Mass in Vienna's Imperial Chapel — a musical role they have fulfilled since 1498.

Today there are around 100 choristers between the ages of 10 and 14, divided into four touring choirs, which together give nearly 300 concerts each year. Each group spends nine to 11 weeks of the school year on tour. At home, they often appear with the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra and the Vienna State Opera Chorus.

Many great composers have worked with the choir, including Mozart, Salieri, Schubert and Bruckner, while brothers Joseph and Michael Haydn were members of the choir of St. Stephen's Cathedral, which frequently sang with the Imperial Boys' Choir. Conductors Herbert von Karajan, Hans Richter, Felix Mottl and Clemens Krauss were all at one time singing members of the Vienna Boys Choir.

Florian Schwarz, Conductor

Since 2008, Florian Schwarz has been a conductor of one of the Wiener Sängerknaben's (Vienna Boys Choir's) four concert choirs. The current tour is Mr. Schwarz's second North American appearance with the Choir. A well known arranger and pianist for many choral groups, Mr. Schwarz was also a member of the distinguished Vienna Chamber Choir. Prior to joining the staff of the Vienna Boys Choir, Mr. Schwarz was active as a sound engineer.

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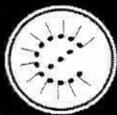


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Jacobus Gallus (1550 - 1591) Regnum mundi

Henry Purcell (1659 - 1695) Come ye sons of art and Strike the Viol

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809 - 1847) Hebe deine Augen auf
(from Elias)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750) Jesus bleibet meine Freude
[Arr.: Florian Schwarz]

Solo to be announced

W. A. Mozart (1756 - 1791) V' amo di core

Ariel Ramirez (* 1921) Gloria (from Missa Criolla)

Heinrich Isaac (1450 - 1517) Innsbruck, ich muss dich lassen
[Arr.: Gerald Wirth]

Erasmus Widmann (1572 - 1634) Der Floh
[Arr.: Raoul Gehringer]

Anonymous Gaudete
[Arr.: Gerald Wirth]

Franz Schubert (1797 - 1828) Widerspruch

Johann Strauss, Jr. (1825 - 1899) Leichtes Blut

*****INTERMISSION*****

Koa Hiataamadl Austrian Folksong
[Arr.: Gerald Wirth]

Müsle, gang ga schlofa Austrian Folksong
[Arr.: Gerald Wirth]

Singa is ins're Freud (Singing is our joy).
Jocular song from the Tyrol and Salzburg.
[Arr.: Gerald Wirth]

Gerald Wirth (*1965) Tsago degi naleya

Alabama John Cherokee Song from the USA
[Arr.: Gerald Wirth]

Arirang. Korean love song, from the province of Kyonggi Do.
Before 1896. [Arr.: Gerald Wirth]

Yog.Wa Song from India
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[Arr.: Florian Schwarz]

Johann Strauss, Jr. (1825 - 1899) Vergnügungszug
[Arr.: Uwe Theimer]

Johann Strauss, Jr. (1825 - 1899) An der schönen blauen Donau
[Arr.: Gerald Wirth]

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