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Dear Wagner community worldwide,

It's almost time for the 2019 Bayreuth Festival to open its doors to Wagnerians worldwide and the anticipation for what promises to be another exciting year is growing.

There are anniversaries to celebrate this year – of both Wolfgang and Siegfried Wagner, with events to commemorate these running throughout the Festival period. There is also a Wagner to commemorate for a life very well lived – Verena, who died recently, was the last surviving granddaughter of Richard and was much loved in the Wagner community. RWVI President Horst Eggers has written his welcome letter to all Wagner Societies for 2019 and you will find a link to this below.

Details of the events can be found in the Events section of our website and several are listed below with links to more detailed information.

The present Board is entering its final few months in office, with elections for the next 5-year term to take place at our annual Congress in Venice. We have reflected on our achievements and also on our shortcomings and, should those of us who will decide to stand again be re-elected, we will do our utmost to take your comments on board and to build on our achievements in a spirit of continuous improvement.

This will be our last newsletter in this format. Many of you have told us that you find the newsletter too long and too infrequent. From September/October onwards we plan to issue a monthly short newsletter by email (with a separate email for each of our language groups), to ensure that the news is current and relevant. As ever, we need your help to keep the information coming in to us.

We are also planning some exciting changes to the website, with the introduction of a members' area, where Presidents will be able to log-in and will be able to update their data with any changes, post comments, including news about tickets for Wagner productions for sale and communicate with each other on matters of interest. The aim is to create an electronic notice board for our members and to make our site more interactive.

We hope you enjoy our Newsletter.

Your Newsletter team

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1) RWVI News



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RWVI Annual Reports 2018

The collection of Annual Reports for 2018 from the RWVI members are now available to read and download on our website

<https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/news/newsletter/>

Keynote Wagner 2019 - "Richard Wagner and Theology"

The weekend symposium held in Munich from 22 to 24 March 2019 was a success

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/events/cue-wagner/keynotewagner-archiv/?collection_id=2080

The next Keynote Wagner will be held in Reykjavik in May 2020

The topic is The Nordic Sources and their impact on Wagner. The provisional programme can be found on our website and the Wagner Society Iceland is working with Ars Musica to create a travel package

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/events/calendar/?collection_id=2141

Ring Award 2020 – The programme and booking forms are now available

Supported by the RWVI, this renowned competition for young directors and set designers will take place once again in Graz in 2020

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/news/news-committee/?collection_id=2070

RWVI Congress 2019

The next International RWVI Congress, hosted by the WS Venice will take place from 28 November to 2 December. The final programme, along with booking forms are now available on our website. **This conference is proving very popular and members are urged to book as soon as possible. The programme is very impressive.**

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/events/calendar/?collection_id=1754

Southern German Wagner Societies held a successful conference

Chairs from 5 southern German societies gathered in Munich in the „Movimento“ to exchange experiences

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/news/news-members/?collection_id=2067

Another successful regional conference for RWVI member societies in Austria

All the Austrian Chairs met up in Salzburg in the Mozarteum to exchange their experiences

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/news/news-members/?collection_id=2025

2) News from Bayreuth



Obituary for Verena Lafferentz-Wagner

The RWVI is in deep mourning for its Honorary Member

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/news/news-committee/?collection_id=2086

President Horst Eggers' welcome letter to the Bayreuth Festival 2019

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/news/news-committee/?collection_id=2181

Dr. Oswald Bauer receives the Bayreuth Gold Medal

On 16 May, Dr. O G Bauer was awarded the Bayreuth Gold Medal for his encyclopaedic benchmark work "History of the Bayreuth Festival 1850 - 2000" and his work for the Bayreuth Festival

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/news/news-members/?collection_id=2124

Advance tickets for this year's interesting Discourse Bayreuth Programme are now on sale

For the third year running, the performances at the Bayreuth Festival will be complemented by a carefully curated programme of supporting events – the link below gives further information in German

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/de/nachrichten/praesidium-news/?collection_id=2104

Tickets for the events, including concerts can be bought on Ticketmaster:

<https://www.ticketmaster.de/artist/bayreuther-festspiele-tickets/957968>

Siegfried Wagner events in Bayreuth

To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Siegfried Wagner, the International Siegfried Wagner Society is putting on a number of events during the Festival, including a performance of one Siegfried's operas

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/news/news-members/?collection_id=2179

Performers for this year's Scholars concert along with details of date, time and how to buy tickets have now been published

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/news/news-committee/?collection_id=2201

Scholarship Week dates announced for Bayreuth 2020

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/news/news-committee/?collection_id=2174

3) News/Events/Successes of RWVI member societies



Augsburg

In co-operation with the WS Augsburg, a concert with excerpts from Parsifal was held at the Wartburg in Eisenach on 25 April. Link to article in German.

<https://klassik-begeistert.de/richard-wagner-parsifal-wartburg-bei-eisenach-25-mai-2019/>

Brussels – A Wagner weekend in Brussels

A Tristan weekend in Brussels on 11 and 12 May 2019 – shared pleasure in Wagner is doubly joyful

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/news/news-members/?collection_id=2109

Düsseldorf

In co-operation with the Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf, the Wagner Society of Düsseldorf is conducting a market research exercise from April to July 2019

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/news/news-members/?collection_id=2060

Frankfurt

Members of the WS visited Bayreuth out of season (link to article in German)

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/de/nachrichten/mitglieder-news/?collection_id=2085

Johannes Martin Kränzle was awarded the Rheingold Prize by the WS Frankfurt on 17 February 2019, giving him honorary membership in the „somewhat different fanclub“.

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/news/news-members/?collection_id=2020

The „somewhat different fanclub“ live on 27 July

The radio station Hessischer Rundfunk (hr2) will broadcast an extensive one-hour portrait of the WS Frankfurt in its "Music scene in Hesse" programme. The broadcast will take place from 15:00 to 17:00 CET. In a live interview, hr2 editor Christiane Hillebrandt will ask the Chairman Dirk Jenders about the diverse life of the Frankfurt society. Naturally, appropriate music will be played.

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/news/news-members/?collection_id=2189

Iceland – visit to New York for the Ring

16 members went to New York to join many Wagnerians from around the world for the Met's Ring

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/news/news-members/?collection_id=2130

Kassel – News from the Staatstheater

- Premiere of the new production of *Siegfried* on 14. September
- New Deputy Music Director at the opera house -Mario Hartmuth
- New theatre education initiative "The Young State Theatre"

Theatre conference of the Protestant Academy Hofgeismar

- This year's theme: Richard Wagner - Die Walküre

The Boundlessness and Genius of Richard Wagner

- -A lecture was given at the beginning of May in the series "Psychoanalysis on the Road". Prof. Dr. Dieter Ohlmeier (Kassel) dealt with Wagner's *Ring* from a psychoanalytical point of view.

<http://www.wagner-verband-kassel.de>

Leipzig – Wagnerians in the Orient

A group of 30 members of the WS visited Abu Dhabi to attend a guest concert performance from the Bayreuth Festival of *Die Walküre*

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/news/news-members/?collection_id=2001

The Leipzig Richard Wagner Prize for young artists 2019 was awarded to 23 year old oboist Alexander Kaul, from the Hochschule für Musik und Theater Rostock.

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/news/news-members/?collection_id=2138

Lisbon – a surprise birthday party for Wagner from the enterprising Portuguese

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/news/news-members/?collection_id=2126

London – 2019 Singing Competition announced

23 November, Wigmore Hall, London, 11am

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/events/calendar/?collection_id=2050

Lyon - Wagner and the Rhônegold – A conference in Lyon in April

Several members of various French Wagner Societies attended this conference with lectures, readings, a gala dinner and a tour of Lyon.

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/news/news-members/?collection_id=2121

The Wagner House in Meudon

http://rwv-muenchen.de/Files/Maison_Wagner_Article_VLC14.pdf

Munich – Live Painting with the Chair of the Brno WS

An original painting by the Czech artist Vladimir Kiseljov has found a home in Linz. Born in 1984, the artist is well known to members of the RWVI.

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/news/news-members/?collection_id=2066

Netherlands – the Wagner Genootschap names two new honorary members

Edo de Waart and Henk de Vlieger were bestowed on 25 May with honorary membership by the WS Netherlands.

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/news/news-members/?collection_id=2114

Newsletters – the latest from Brussels, Toulouse, Melbourne, Paris and New Zealand

All available to read on our website.

New York – annual Bayreuth lectures to be given by Professor J. J. H. Muller in the Arvena Kongress Hotel from 17-29 August

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/news/news-members/?collection_id=2198

Nice Côte d'Azur A lecture by WS President Michèle Bessout

7 September „De Rienzi au Vaisseau Fantôme, ou la Révélation du Génie »

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/events/calendar/?collection_id=2187

**Nuremberg - News from the WS in the city of the Mastersingers
Symposium on the 150th birthday of Siegfried Wagner**

Saturday 19 October, 11:00 – 17:00. Loew Merkur hotel, Pillenreuther Str. 1, 90459 Nuremberg.

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/news/news-members/?collection_id=2193

Singapore – former Chair awarded honorary degree

Juliana Lim, former Chair of the Wagner Association of Singapore, was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Essex UK to acknowledge her contribution to the arts.

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/news/news-members/?collection_id=2110

Wagner soprano visits Singapore

The up and coming British soprano Rachel Nicholls visited Singapore and met members of the local WS

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/news/news-members/?collection_id=2118

Southern California – WSSC to host gala dinner once more in Bayreuth

For those in Bayreuth on 25 August, tickets are now available to attend this delightful annual event in the Steigenberger Restaurant after the show.

Toulouse – Cercle Wagner to host a Parsifal weekend in February 2020

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/news/news-members/?collection_id=2095

Wagnerian Toulousains visit Bordeaux

10 members of the Cercle Wagner de Toulouse visited Bordeaux in May to attend a performance of *Die Walküre*

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/news/news-members/?collection_id=2117

4) New books



New Books in German

Wieland Wagner: Ästhetik, Zeitgeschichte, Wirkung

Stephan Mösch / Sven Friedrich bei Königshausen und Meumann

The presentation of the book will take place on 24 July at 10 am in Haus Wahnfried

https://www.amazon.de/gibt-nichts-Ewiges-Wieland-Wagner/dp/3826062361/ref=sr_1_1?_mk_de_DE=%C3%85M%C3%85%C5%BD%C3%95%C3%91&keywords=es+gibt+nichts+ewiges&qid=1562830592&s=gateway&sr=8-1

Dr. Martha Schad

„Cosima Wagner und Ludwig II von Bayern - Briefe"

http://rwv-muenchen.de/RWV_Veranstaltung_2019_Schad_Cosima_Ludwig.php

Frankfurter Wagner-Kontexte - Volume 2

Volume 2 in the series published by the WS Frankfurt is now available.

This new volume is dedicated to the violinist August Wilhelmj (1845 – 1908), who was one of the greatest violinists of his time, and a key influence on Wagner.

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/news/news-members/?collection_id=2111

Max is to blame: or a self-fulfilling prophecy

The world-famous bass-baritone Bernd Weikl makes his literary debut

https://www.amazon.de/Max-ist-schuld-erf%C3%BCllende-Prophezeiung/dp/3000623671/ref=sr_1_2?__mk_de_DE=%C3%85M%C3%85%C5%BD%C3%95%C3%91&keywords=bERND+WEIKL&qid=1559041306&s=gateway&sr=8-2

Cosima Wagner and Ludwig II of Bavaria: Letters: An astonishing correspondence

The well-known and popular historian and author Martha Schad from Augsburg turns once again to the subject of Wagner..

http://rwv-muenchen.de/RWV_Veranstaltung_2019_Schad_Cosima_Ludwig.php

Musical life in Germany

In this compendium, the German Music Information Centre (MIZ) brings together in 620 pages background knowledge and data on music culture in Germany. In 22 articles, renowned authors from the fields of science, cultural policy and music practice describe the structures and recent developments in musical life

<https://www.miz.org/bestellung.php>

Götterdämmerung in der schönen neuen Welt

A Science fiction novel based on the final part of the Ring Cycle - by Stefan Thiel

<https://www.amazon.de/RING-G%C3%96TTERD%C3%84MMERUNG-SCH%C3%96NEN-NEUEN-WELT/dp/3748509995>

New Books in English

The July Edition of the Wagner Journal

... With the usual interesting mixture of scholarly articles and reviews of productions, CDs and books.

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/news/news-members/?collection_id=2204
www.thewagnerjournal.co.uk

The Only Way is Up - Sir Donald McIntyre has published his memoirs

Sponsored by the Wagner Society New Zealand, this lively account of his singing career by the legendary bass

<https://www.nationwidebooks.co.nz/product/the-only-way-is-up-9780995105331>

The Trouble with Wagner by Michael P. Steinberg

University of Chicago Press, 2018 \$37.50 Steinberg offers an account of the Wagner bicentennial Ring for La Scala/Staatsoper Berlin along with a reading of psychology, philosophy and history.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B07H9J5RQW/ref=dp-kindle-redirect?_encoding=UTF8&btkr=1

Curtain, Gong, Steam: Wagnerian Technologies of 19th Century Opera

By Gundula Kreuzer University of California Press - \$55.98. An examination of the intertwined developments of opera as an art form and the technical machines that have brought it to life.

<https://www.ucpress.edu/book/9780520279681/curtain-gong-steam>

New Books in French

Luc-Henri Roger on Das Rheingold „Les Voyageurs de l'Or du Rhin“

On the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the first production of Das Rheingold in Munich, Belgo-German author Luc-Henri Roger has published a new book.

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/news/news-members/?collection_id=2149

This book will be formally presented by the Wagner Museum Bayreuth on 29 July and will be on sale in the Museum bookshop

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/events/calendar/?collection_id=2194



5) Perspectives on Wagner productions

The Staatsoper unter den Linden in Berlin will present its current production of *Der Ring des Nibelungen* for the first time in the renovated opera house. This production was created for the Wagner anniversary in 2013 in cooperation with the Teatro alla Scala and was previously staged in the Schiller Theatre. Conductor - Daniel Barenboim, Director - Guy Cassiers. Among the soloists are: Irène Theorin, Michael Volle, Andreas Schager, Falk Struckmann, Simon O'Neill, Anja Kampe and Stephan Rügamer.

Cycle I from 7-15 September, Cycle 2 from 21-29 September
Currently sold out, but keep an eye out for returns.

Deutsche Oper Berlin: A new *Ring*., „At the Deutsche Oper Berlin Stefan Herheim is taking on the task of translating the mindset of Wagner's tetralogy into the 21st century.“ The production will begin with *Das Rheingold* on 12 June 2020. Conductor Donald Runnicles. The cast includes Derek Welton, Markus Brück, Thomas Blondelle and Annika Schlicht.

Brisbane, Opera Australia

In November/December 2020 a new, fully digital production of the *Ring* will be staged in Brisbane. The Director will be Shi-Zheng Chen and the conductor has been named as Philippe Auguin . Among the artists performing will be Stefan Vinke, Allison Oakes and Vitalij Kowaljow.

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/news/news-members/?collection_id=2142

The Royal Opera, Copenhagen will present three semi-staged performances of *Tristan und Isolde* on 27 October, 3 November and 14 November 2019. Conductor Lothar Koenigs. The title roles will be performed by Ann Petersen and Christopher Ventris.

<https://kgltheater.dk/en/whats-on/sason-20192020/opera/tristan-og-isolde/?section=top>

Vermont Company to stage *Tristan* this autumn

It's always exciting when a young company get together to stage Wagner in a local theatre with young singers

https://www.richard-wagner.org/rwvi/en/news/news-members/?collection_id=2057

Göteborg Opera - Sweden

Between 2018 and 2021, a complete *Ring* cycle will be staged there for the first time, with the conclusion of the tetralogy coinciding with the celebrations marking the 400th anniversary of the city of Göteborg. *Das Rheingold* premiered last November.

Staatstheater Kassel, *Rheingold*

Kassel is forging its new *Ring*, which will complete in 2020. The premiere of *Rheingold* took place last September, Walküre premiered in March this year, Siegfried will premiere on 14 September, followed by Götterdämmerung on 7 March 2020

<http://www.staatstheater-kassel.de/der-ring/der-ring-in-kassel/>

Announcement from Leipzig Opera

Leipzig Opera has announced that it will stage in June and July 2022 performances of all 13 works by Richard Wagner in his birthplace in the order of their creation.

https://www.oper-leipzig.de/en/wagner_22

Stadttheater Minden

In September last year the Minden *Ring* concluded with *Götterdämmerung*. This year there will be two complete cycles between 12 September and 6 October.

Director: Gerd Heinz, Conductor: Frank Beermann

http://www.ring-in-minden.de/GD_1_Home.html

Philharmonie de Paris

Concert version of *Parsifal* 22 November at 16.30. Conducted by Valery Gergiev

<https://philharmoniedeparis.fr/fr/activite/opera-en-concert/20248-wagner-parsifal>

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