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Music – a Celebration! The Whole Year Long!

Sachsen-Anhalt is a land of music! Combining concerts of music from the Middle Ages through the modern era, it offers a cosmos of various genres from classical music to jazz and onto electronic rock. All of this takes place in particularly atmospheric and authentic venues. The programs presented by internationally recognized artists are quite multi-faceted. In Sachsen-Anhalt, many kinds of music define the pulse of this land.

Throughout the entire year, the widest array of music festivals imaginable attracts visitors to the land of music: Sachsen-Anhalt. Has this piqued your interest? You can find more information about the most important music festivals in Sachsen-Anhalt, as well as a comprehensive events calendar on the site: www.musikfeste-sachsen-anhalt.de. Music lovers – including those wishing to become one – can look forward to multifarious events in authentic venues – a real treat for the ears! Enjoy yourselves by listening to and savoring these offerings!

All dates and many interesting facts about the music festivals and the authentic venues can be found at www.musikfeste-sachsen-anhalt.de

Closer than you think ...



Comfortable and Short Routes

Whether by bicycle, car, bus, or train and plane – Sachsen-Anhalt lies in the heart of Germany and borders on Niedersachsen, Thuringia, Sachsen, and Brandenburg. Berlin and the state capital Magdeburg or Halle (Saale) are only 150 km apart from each other. From Hamburg, Sachsen-Anhalt is only 280 km away, from Frankfurt (Main) 360 km, and from Dresden only 150 km. Halle (Saale) und Leipzig (only 40 km away) both benefit from the airport Leipzig/Halle. The highways A2, A9, A14, and A38, and the B6n (built like a highway), as well as one of the densest railway traffic networks in Europe, provide short and comfortable routes to all concert venues in Sachsen-Anhalt. On the new ICE route through the Thuringian Forest, you can reach Halle in 35 minutes from Erfurt, and it takes less than 2 hours from Nuremberg.



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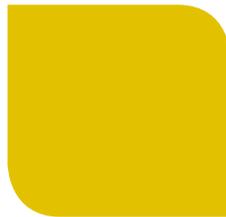


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Masters of the Baroque

Bach, Handel, Telemann, Fasch and of course Schütz – these five great names representing European Baroque Music await you on a trip through the music history of Sachsen-Anhalt.

- It all started with Schütz: named the “Father of Music” by his contemporaries. Schütz lived in Weißenfels from 1651 until his death and wrote his most significant later works there.
- Bach composed the famous “Brandenburg Concertos” in Köthen, where he had found employment as the court music director. It was arguably the most creative period in the composer’s life.
- Handel, composer of the renowned “Messiah” and “Music for the Royal Fireworks”, was born in Halle. In this city on the Saale River, he received his formative and comprehensive musical training in the Marktkirche.
- Telemann, born in Magdeburg, was a musical jack-of-all-trades. He was able to seize onto various national musical influences and significantly shaped the musical world in the early 18th century.
- The future czarina Catherine the Great grew up in the small royal city of Zerbst. At the time, Johann Friedrich Fasch was the court Kapellmeister.

Authentic Concert Venues

Whether castles, palaces, theaters, or churches – Sachsen-Anhalt is rich in historical and important architectural monuments. Embark on an exciting architectural journey of sound.

- On the popular tourism route the “Romanesque Road”, the Merseburg Castle Hill is a captivating sight due to the impressive ensemble of its cathedral and castle. The cathedral is not only historically important, but also accommodates within the great romantic organ by Friedrich Ladegast, an exceptionally sonorous instrument that was admired by many, particularly Franz Liszt.
- The origins of the Michaelstein Abbey, located in the idyllic Harz Mountains, go back to the year 1146. Today, the Music Academy of Sachsen-Anhalt can be found here together with a Music Instrument Museum and a wide array of so-called *Michaelsteiner Klosterkonzerte*.
- The baroque spa grounds of Bad Lauchstädt are a treasure. This also includes the historical Goethe Theater from the late 18th century, in which baroque operas are regularly performed.
- Between 1717 and 1723, Köthen Castle was the domain of court Kapellmeister Johann Sebastian Bach. Authentic museum sites remember the

life and works of G.F. Handel and Wilhelm Friedrich Bach in Halle, Heinrich Schütz in Weißenfels, and Carl Loewe in Löbejün.

- Despite heavy destruction in the Second World War, some ancient sites associated with Telemann in Magdeburg were preserved. The cathedral school – attended by Telemann – was located in the gothic cathedral, whose refectory is a concert venue for the *Magdeburger Telemann-Festtage*.
- Wernigerode Castle is one of the most beautiful and romantic castles of Germany. In the courtyard of this unique fairytale castle, *Wernigeröder Schlossfestspiele* is held every summer. It is rare to experience opera with talented young singers in such an enchanting setting.
- A birthplace of romantic music can be found in a small town near Halle: Löbejün. Here, the ‘King of Ballades’, Carl Loewe, was born. When roaming through the small town, it becomes apparent that Loewe worked biographical elements into his ballades and songs.
- A piece of industrial history forges the framework of the *Melt!*-Festival in Ferropolis, the city of iron. As if in an amphitheater, impressively gigantic coal excavators meet electronic sounds and rock music.

Musical Variety

The musical variety in Sachsen-Anhalt – the land of music – is noteworthy: no matter if it’s baroque or electronic, classic or jazz, chamber music or choral singing, opera or fusion live-acts – every musical taste will be served.

- Renaissance music can be heard in the Lutherstadt Wittenberg. Romantic Music is presented through the composer of ballades Carl Loewe from Löbejün and the grand Ladegast Organ in Merseburg.
- With its finger continuously on the pulse of our time, the unique, nationwide *Impuls – Festival für Neue Musik* picks up on contemporary political and social themes.
- On the other hand, fans of indie music, electronica, and hip-hop will get their money’s worth at the *Melt!*-Festival.
- Famous artists from the international female jazz scene display their brilliance year after year at the festival *Women in Jazz*.
- Jazz, fusion, and new music – the *global music festival – akkordeon akut!* in Halle represents all of these kinds of music. As with the entire musical region of Sachsen-Anhalt, this unique music festival cannot be reduced to a common denominator. It crosses all boundaries between genres. It is global – Global Music.

