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Hugh Bonneville Returns to Host Annual *Great Performances – From Vienna: The New Year’s Celebration 2023* ConcertJanuary 1 on PBS

**Synopsis:**

Ring in the new year with Vienna Philharmonic’s annual concert from the Golden Hall of the Musikverein in Vienna. Guest conducted for the third time by Cleveland Orchestra Music Director **Franz Welser-Möst**, the program features many selections never before played at these traditional concerts including works by **Josef Strauss, Joseph Hellmesberger Jr., Johann Strauss Jr.** and more. PBS favorite **Hugh Bonneville** returns as host for a sixth year. The broadcast also features performances by **Vienna Boys and Girls Choirs** and the **Vienna State Ballet** with choreography by **Ashley Page**. ***Great Performances: From Vienna: The New Year’s Celebration 2023*** premieres Sunday, January 1 at 8 p.m. on PBS ([check local listings](http://www.pbs.org/tv_schedules/)) and streams thefollowing day at [pbs.org/gperf](http://www.pbs.org/gperf) and the [PBS Video app](https://www.pbs.org/pbs-video-app/).

**Musical Selections:**

* Franz von Suppè – Overture to “Isabella”\*
* Josef Strauss – “Pearls of Love” Waltz\*
* Josef Strauss – “Angelica-Polka francaise”\*
* Eduard Strauss – “Up and Away” Quick Polka\*
* Josef Strauss – “Blithe Spirits” Polka\*
* Josef Strauss – “For ever Quick Polka”
* Josef Strauss – “Siskins” Waltz\*
* Joseph Hellmesberger Jr. – “Bells Polka and Gallop”\*
* Josef Strauss – “Allegro fantastique” orchestral fantasy\*
* Josef Strauss – “Watercolors” Waltz
* Johann Strauss Jr. – “Bandits Gallop”
* Johann Strauss Jr. – “The Beautiful Blue Danube” Waltz
* Johann Strauss Sr. – “Radetzky March”

\* First performance at a New Year’s Concert

**Locations:**

* Augarten Palais, home of the Vienna Boys Choir
* Theater in der Josefstadt
* Lobmeyr Crystal, creators of the Musikverein and Met Opera’s iconic chandeliers
* Melk Abbey, church, state rooms and library
* The Garden Pavilion of Stift Melk of Melk Abbey
* Hofcapella Imperial Chapel, where the Vienna Boys Choir has performed for 525 years
* Prater Ateliers, the only remaining buildings from the Vienna 1873 World's Fair
* Laxenburg Palace and Park

**Notable Talent:**

* **Hugh Bonneville**, host, actor, *Masterpiece: Downton Abbey, Downton Abbey* and *Downton Abbey: A New Era*
* **Franz Welser-Möst**, three-timeGrammy-nominated guest conductor and Music Director of Cleveland Orchestra
* **Vienna Boys and Girls Choirs**
* **Vienna State Ballet**

**Noteworthy Facts:**

* This is conductor Franz Welser-Möst’s third year conducting the New Year’s Concert. Previous concerts were in 2011 and 2013.
* This is Hugh Bonneville’s sixth consecutive year acting as host for the New Year’s Concert.

**Short Listing:**

Celebrate the new year from the opulent Musikverein hosted by PBS favorite Hugh Bonneville.

**Long Listing:**

Celebrate the new year with this annual classical music celebration featuring waltzes by Strauss from the opulent Musikverein hosted by PBS favorite Hugh Bonneville.

**Series Overview:**

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**Production Credits:**

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