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*Hugh Bonneville* Hosts Annual New Year’s Day Celebration by Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra from *Great Performances* on PBS Led by Maestro Riccardo Muti

**Synopsis:**

Ring in 2025 with the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra in the Golden Hall of the Musikverein in this beloved annual concert. PBS favorite Hugh Bonneville hosts the traditional concert for the eighth consecutive year, commemorating the 200th birthday of Johann Strauss. Showcasing the talents of the orchestra accompanied by on-location dance sequences with the Vienna State Ballet, the program also takes audiences on a tour of The Leopold Museum, the grand Südbahn Hotel, the mountains of the Semmering Hirschenkogel ski resort and more. Guest conducted by two-time Grammy winner **Riccardo Muti** for the seventh year**,** ***Great Performances – From Vienna: The New Year’s Celebration 2025*** premieres Wednesday, January 1 at 8 p.m. ET on PBS ([check local listings](http://www.pbs.org/tv_schedules)) and streams January 2 on [pbs.org](https://www.pbs.org/show/pbs-arts-talk/) and the [PBS App](https://www.pbs.org/pbs-video-app/). The program will also encore at 9:30 p.m. ET.

**Musical Selections:**

* Johann Strauss – Der Zigeunerbaron Overture
* Johann Strauss – Accelerations Waltz
* Joseph Hellmesberger – Merry Brothers March from “The Violet Girl”
* Constanze Geiger – Ferdinandus Waltz
* Johann Strauss – Either – Or, Quick Polka!
* Josef Strauss – Transactions, Waltz
* Johann Strauss – Annen Polka
* Johann Strauss – Chit-Chat Polka
* Johann Strauss – Wine, Women and Song, Waltz
* Johann Strauss – The Bayadère, Quick Polka
* Johann Strauss – The Beautiful Blue Danube, Waltz
* Johann Strauss Sr. – Radetzky March

**Locations:**

***From Vienna: The New Year’s Celebration 2025*** will feature various locations including The Leopold Museum, The Vienna Museum of Science and Technology, The Wein Museum, The Sudbahn Hotel, and the Semmering Hirschenkogel ski resort.

**Notable Talent:**

* Hugh Bonneville – host, actor, *Masterpiece: Downton Abbey, Downton Abbey* and *Downton Abbey: A New Era*
* Riccardo Muti – Guest conductor, two-time Grammy Award winner and Music Director Emeritus for Life of Chicago Symphony Orchestra

**Noteworthy Facts:**

* This is conductor Riccardo Muti’s seventh time conducting the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra’s New Year’s Day concert following 1993,1997, 2000, 2004, 2018 and 2021.
* Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra’s collaboration with Riccardo Muti began in 1971 and since then he has conducted over 500 concerts with the orchestra including six New Year's concerts, annual orchestral concerts at the Salzburg Festival, numerous opera productions and more.
* This is Hugh Bonneville’s eighth consecutive year acting as host for the New Year’s Concert.

**Short TV Listing:**

Experience this annual concert conducted by Riccardo Muti with PBS favorite Hugh Bonneville as host.

**Long TV Listing:**

Experience this annual beloved concert from the Golden Hall of the Musikverein celebrating the 200th anniversary of the birth of Johann Strauss. Conducted by Riccardo Muti for the seventh time, PBS favorite Hugh Bonneville returns to host.

**Series Overview:**

For more than 50 years on PBS, ***Great Performances***has provided an unparalleled showcase of the best in all genres of the performing arts, serving as America’s most prestigious and enduring broadcaster of cultural programming. Showcasing a diverse range of artists from around the world, the series has earned 67 Emmy Awards and six Peabody Awards. The [***Great Performances*** website](https://www.pbs.org/wnet/gperf/) hosts exclusive videos, interviews, photos, full episodes and more. The series is produced by The WNET Group. ***Great Performances***is available for streaming concurrent with broadcast on [PBS.org](http://pbs.org/) and the [PBS App,](https://www.pbs.org/pbs-video-app/) available on iOS, Android, Roku streaming devices, Apple TV, Android TV, Amazon Fire TV, Samsung Smart TV, Chromecast and VIZIO.

**Production Credits:**

Directed by Michael Beyer and produced by Edith Hisch, ***From Vienna: The New Year’s Celebration 2025*** is a production of Wiener Philharmoniker and ORF in association with The WNET Group. *Great Performances* is produced by The WNET Group. For ***Great Performances***, John Walker is writer and producer, Bill Kabel is producer, Bill O’Donnell is series producer and David Horn is executive producer.

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