



## Festival "Salzburg Singt!" Salzburg/Austria

### St. Cecilia Mass at Salzburg Cathedral for individual singers & choirs



Each summer, the „Jubilate Chor Salzburg“ invites choirs to attend the popular choir festival „**Salzburg Singt!**“ in Mozart’s birth town. With its unique historical scenery, including **the fortress Hohensalzburg, the Baroque Residence, the Salzburg Cathedral, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart’s birth house and the historic city center (UNESCO world cultural heritage)**, Salzburg is the natural choice for your choir trip in central Europe. Join us and use this unique opportunity to perform Charles Gounod’s master piece – Messe solennelle en l’honneur de Sainte-Cécile – during Sunday high mass in Salzburg Cathedral!

Composed in 1855 by Charles Gounod, the St. Cecilia Mass was scored for three soloists, mixed choir, orchestra and organ. The official name is “Messe solennelle en l’honneur de Sainte-Cécile”, in homage of St. Cecilia, the saint-patroness of music.

The vocal parts of the mass are performed by three soloists (soprano, tenor and bass) and a choir of four parts, sometimes with divided tenor and bass. The soloists act mostly as an ensemble, without arias.

#### **Camille Saint-Saëns commented after the premiere:**

*"The appearance of the Messe Saint-Cécile caused a kind of shock. This simplicity, this grandeur, this serene light which rose before the musical world like a breaking dawn, troubled people enormously. ... at first one was dazzled, then charmed, then conquered. In the faint distant future when inexorable time has completed its work and the operas of Gounod are forever in repose in the dusty libraries, the Messe de Sainte Cécile, the Redemption and the oratorio Mors et Vita will still retain life."*



## **Festival program**

### **Thursday: Arrival in Salzburg & Group Dinner**

**Upon arrival in Salzburg, check-into your booked accommodation. Meet your local festival assistant** for a brief welcome meeting.

**Evening: Group dinner** at a typical Austrian restaurant.

### **Friday: City Tour, Concert Mirabell Garden & Get-together**

**Breakfast at hotel.**

**Morning: 2h walking city tour of Salzburg** with a local licensed English-speaking guide followed by an individual visit to **Mozart's Birth House** (self-guided tour, admission included).  
Optional lunch on your own.

**Afternoon: 30-45min. outdoor concert at the Mirabell Garden** (a cappella, e-piano available).

**Evening: 2h rehearsal**

After, **get-together with the other participants & common group dinner** at a local restaurant.

### **Saturday: Wasserspiele Schloss Hellbrunn, Dress Rehearsal & Get-together**

**Breakfast at hotel.**

**Morning: Transfer with own bus to Hellbrunn. Your ticket includes a guided visit to the Trick Fountains, an audio-guided visit to the Palace and a stroll through the gardens.**

**Afternoon: 2h dress rehearsal** at Salzburg Cathedral.

**Evening: Get-together with the other participants & common group dinner** at a local restaurant.



**Sunday:** High Mass / St. Cecilia Mass, Lunch & “Traditional Morning Pint”, Departure

**Breakfast at hotel.**

**Morning: Rehearsal** at Salzburg Cathedral.

After, **High Mass at Salzburg Cathedral / St. Cecilia Mass** incl. numerous local & international singers and choirs, the Jubilate-Chor Salzburg, soloists and musicians.

**Noon: Lunch & traditional “Morning Pint”** in Salzburg’s famous Restaurant “Sternbräu”.

**Individual departure.**

Pre- and post-tour program on request.

**The program is subject to change!**