

Press release Klosters Music about the 2025 series of church concerts

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Klosters Music now features a series of church concerts

From next year on Klosters Music will be taking over the 'Friends of the Klosters Organ' concert series and expanding the programme during the year in a new format for the concert series in St. Jacob's Church. During the five concerts, which will take place in winter and autumn, the Goll organ - in combination with other instruments and ensembles as well as a day with a master class - will play the leading role. Tickets for the church concerts are available now. The advance bookings for the summer concerts ("Myths and legends" from 26th July to 3rd August 2025) will start beginning of December.

Since the construction of the new Goll organ in St. Jacob's Church (2018), the 'Friends of the Klosters Organ' and their president Johannes Haltiner have organised a series of organ concerts that will come to an end with Jürg Brunner's performance on 23rd November 2024. At the request of the Friends of the Organ Association, the Foundation Art & Music, Klosters, organiser of Klosters Music, has agreed to continue this concert series. "With the planned church music series, Klosters Music is moving from a summer festival organiser to a provider of classical concerts throughout the year. We want to further strengthen the municipality of Klosters as a music and cultural destination and open up to a new area of music lovers and professionals with the focus on organ music. At the same time, Klosters Music shall be anchored even more firmly among the regional and local population with the church concerts," says Heinz Brand, president of the Foundation Art & Music, Klosters.

With Drums and Trumpets – the programme

The first of this series of four concerts starts on Saturday 4th of January 2025 ("With Drums and Trumpets".) Immanuel Richter, Huw Morgan and Jon Flurin Buchli (trumpet), Tobias Lindner (organ) and Alex Wäber (Pauke) present a festive baroque programme with works by, among others, Georg Philipp Telemann, Antonio Vivaldi and Johann Sebastian Bach (cantatas and arias from the "Christmas Oratorio"). The programme concludes with excerpts from George Friedrich Händel's popular "Music for the Royal Fireworks".

"In the Goll organ in St. Jacob's Church, Klosters has a precious musical treasure. We are delighted to make this instrument even better known to musicians in Switzerland and internationally and to continue to make it accessible and tangible to the public in concerts,' says David Whelton, Artistic Director of Klosters Music. "The organ will be heard in very different sound combinations. For 2025, we decided to focus on the composer Johann Sebastian Bach. At least one of his important works will be played in every concert. The audience can look forward to four concerts of festive, well-known music performed at the highest level in the intimate atmosphere of St Jacob's Church."

The second concert on Sunday, 16th February 2025 will be performed by Andreas Jost, organist at Grossmünster Zurich, and the ensemble "La Scintilla" from Zurich Opera House, which plays historical instruments. In addition to the organ concerto in F major by Georg Friedrich Händel, the programme also includes a concerto grosso by the same composer. Bach's famous Concerto for two violins in D minor will be sharing a programme with his Toccata in C major.

An entire organ weekend begins on Friday, 12th September 2025. The organist Benjamin Righetti (professor at the Lausanne University for Music, HEMU) will be playing a recital with works by Johann Sebastian Bach and Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy. On the following day, the church and the parish hall will become a place of exchange for performers and audience: a public master class for students is a first for Klosters - organ and church tours as well

as lectures on Bach and his organ works can also be attended (free admission). To round off the two organ days, there will be a concert performed by the students in the evening.

The Zurich Chamber Singers, one of the most promising and interesting vocal ensembles of the younger generation, will be performing on Saturday, 18th October 2025. Bruckner's expressive a cappella motets "Os justi" and "Locus iste" will be staged together with Bach's well-known motets "Singt dem Herrn ein neues Lied" and "Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden", again complemented by his outstanding organ solo works, played by the renowned German organist Christian Schmitt.

Delight about the worthy successor

"We are delighted that Klosters Music has taken up our wish to continue the organ concerts and will make this unique instrument accessible to an even larger audience with an additional concert series.", says Johannes Haltiner, president of the Friends of the Organ Association. The Friends of the Organ Association will be holding two more concerts this year: on 26th October 2024 (Maurice Steger, recorder) and on 23rd November 2024 (Jürg Brunner, organ), tickets can be reserved by calling +41 79 745 75 14 (Friends of the Organ Association).

Concert season Klosters Music 2025:

Church concerts: 4th January, 16th February, 12th/13th September, 18th October 2025.

Summer concerts "Myths and Legends": 26th July to 3rd August 2025 with Augustin Hadelich, Nikolai Luganski, Andreas Ottensamer, Sir Andrés Schiff, Jérémie Rhorer, Enrico Onofri, Igudesman & Joo, Schumann Quartet, Munich Chamber Orchestra, The Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen and many more.

Tickets:

Written advance bookings (best-seat booking) for the church concerts are now available through the online form.

Online ticket pre-sales with seat-specific booking start at the beginning of December.

For the summer concerts advance bookings (best-seat booking) is available beginning of December and online ticket pre-sales with seat-specific booking start 1st of March.

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