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# GUSTAV MAHLER JUGENDORCHESTER

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## The GUSTAV MAHLER JUGENDORCHESTER is appointed „Ambassador UNICEF Austria“ on the occasion of its 25th anniversary

The Austrian National Committee for UNICEF was founded in 1962, and in 1987 the GUSTAV MAHLER JUGENDORCHESTER toured for the first time. In 2012, UNICEF and the GUSTAV MAHLER JUGENDORCHESTER will start a cooperation: the GUSTAV MAHLER JUGENDORCHESTER feels honoured to be appointed “**Ambassador UNICEF Austria**” and to support equal opportunities for all children and young people.

Dr. Gudrun Berger, Managing Director of the Austrian Committee for UNICEF, comments on the newly established collaboration:

**“We are happy to welcome the GUSTAV MAHLER JUGENDORCHESTER as “Ambassador UNICEF Austria”. Since its foundation, the GUSTAV MAHLER JUGENDORCHESTER supported the principle of equal opportunities for children and young people across existing boundaries. We are looking forward to working jointly on the prevention of discrimination and the realization of equal rights.”**

From its very beginnings, UNICEF has advocated children’s rights to health care access, education and equal opportunities, safe water, nutrition, and protection from exploitation. The Gustav Mahler Jugendorchester will support UNICEF in its mission:

**“The GUSTAV MAHLER JUGENDORCHESTER is proud to be appointed “Ambassador UNICEF Austria” and to support UNICEF in its mission. Apart from its artistic and political legacy – in the early stages, it helped to overcome existing and apparently insurmountable barriers – , the GUSTAV MAHLER JUGENDORCHESTER was and is committed to equal opportunities and free access to education and profession. Therefore it is an important task and a great honour to establish a cooperation with UNICEF and to commit ourselves to equal opportunities for all children and young people.”**

(Alexander Meraviglia-Crivelli, Secretary General of the GUSTAV MAHLER JUGENDORCHESTER)



The **Easter Tour 2012** shows the GUSTAV MAHLER JUGENDORCHESTER in its new role as “Ambassador UNICEF Austria”, where it will perform twelve concerts with two exceptional programmes.

With **Ingo Metzmacher**, conductor and Swedish soprano **Irène Theorin**, Richard Wagner’s revolutionary compositions and their importance and influence on the music of the 20th century are the recurring theme in the exciting programmes: The Death of Isolde from *Tristan und Isolde* as well as Brünnhilde’s Final Scene from *Götterdämmerung* will be completed by Anton von Webern’s *Six Pieces for Orchestra op. 6* (1909), Bernd Alois Zimmermann’s *Photopsis*, Aleksandr Scriabin’s *Le Poème de L’Extase* and Dmitri Shostakovich’s symphony no.7.

Besides appearances in the orchestra’s founding cities **Vienna, Graz, Prague, and Warsaw**, the GUSTAV MAHLER JUGENDORCHESTER will perform, as every year, in some of the **most important European concert halls**: two concerts in the Vienna Musikverein, two concerts at the Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian in Lisbon, as well as one concert in the Laeiszhalle Hamburg and the Auditorio Nacional in Madrid prove the exceptional artistic reputation of the GUSTAV MAHLER JUGENDORCHESTER. The Festival Interlaken Classics is the residential partner (as previously in 2008, 2009, and 2011) and will stage three concerts at the beginning of the Easter Tour 2012.

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