

Highlights 2020

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Celebrations & Festivals

There will once again be plenty of celebrations taking place in the Dresden Elbland region in 2020. In addition to the many urban and rural festivals, some of the most popular annual music events will be celebrating their anniversaries. Lovers of Dixieland, jazz and classical music can look forward to some standout events during the year, while the club scene will once again be gathering for the DAVE festival. Dresden is a city that doesn't restrict its musical output to festival periods either.

17th – 24th May 2020

50th International Dixieland Festival

50 years of Dixieland in Dresden! More than 1,000 musicians from 45 different countries have so far performed at the Dresden Dixieland Jazz Festival, where the fun element is contagious. The world's biggest and longest-running jazz festival is set to serve up quite a few surprises during its anniversary year. The star-studded international line-up promises to make this another milestone in the history of the festival.

www.dixielandfestival-dresden.com

150 years of the Philharmonic

The official opening of the Gewerbehauseaal concert hall in Ostraallee on 29th November 1870 was the first of many regular public performances of symphonic music. It marked the birth of what was later to become the Dresden Philharmonic Orchestra, which will be celebrating its 150th anniversary in **November** with a special **festival week**. A listing of concerts can be found on Page 6.

www.dresdnerphilharmonie.de

23rd October – 1st November 2020

DAVE Festival

The reputation of the extensive Dresden club scene has spread far beyond the city limits. The soundscape venues for DAVE (Dresden Audio Visual Experience) will not be restricted to clubland. The light shows will also be pulsating to the electronic beat in museums, churches and theatres. This is a festival that brings together people that usually are unlikely to be seen at the same cultural event.

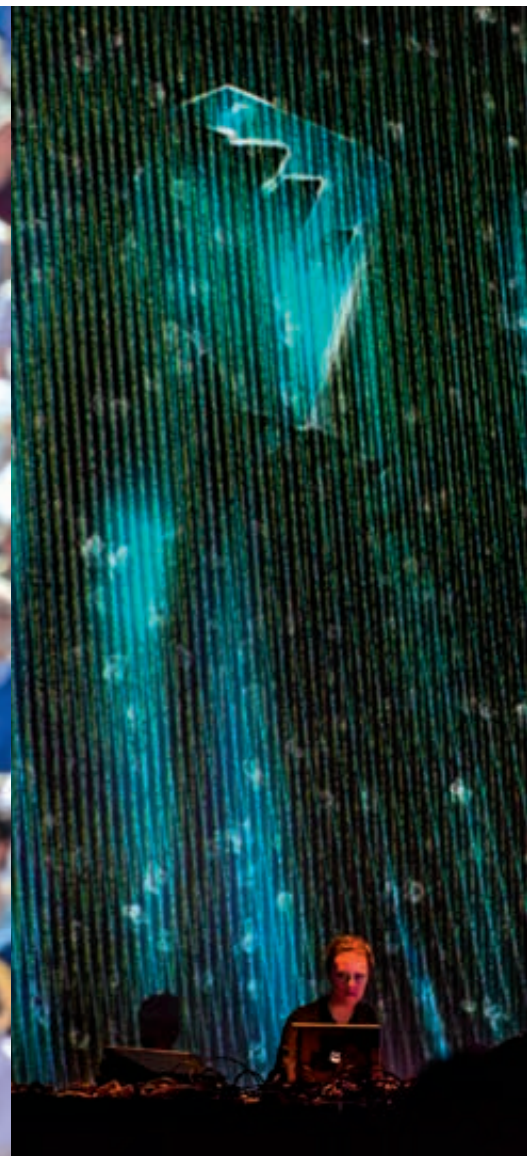
www.dave-festival.de

21st October – 22nd November 2020

20th Dresden Jazz Days

Dresden's Jazztage (Jazz Days) has been successfully bringing together the diverse styles of the genre for the past twenty years. One of Germany's biggest jazz festivals will once again attract an outstanding line-up from all over the world to the city's performance venues. It promises the ultimate in quality and professionalism, combined with raw emotion, fun and joie de vivre.

www.jazztage-dresden.de





New visitor attractions

2020 marks the 350th anniversary of the birth of Augustus the Strong. A fitting opportunity to shine a new light on some of the masterpieces from the unique collection assembled by the Elector of Saxony and King of Poland. The Gemäldegalerie Alte Meister (Old Masters Picture Gallery) has had a general overhaul, and more of the state rooms in the Residenzschloss (Royal Palace) have been restored to their former splendour. Several new multimedia exhibitions provide insights into the baroque era and explore the legend of a monarch who managed to operate in two quite disparate spheres of activity – warfare and the arts.

From September 2019
Residenzschloss Dresden
**Royal State Apartment
Augustus the Strong**

In anticipation of the marriage of his son to the daughter of the Emperor of Austria in September 1719, Augustus the Strong commissioned the outfitting of a State Apartment in the late Baroque style. To mark the 300th anniversary of this glittering wedding, the five rooms of the now restored suite in the Residenzschloss will be opened to the public. Also on display to the public again in spring 2020 will be the impressive **Gewehrgalerie (Firearms Gallery) in the Langer Gang ('Long Corridor')** of the Residenzschloss.
www.skd.museum

Reopening in autumn 2019
Festung Dresden (Dresden Fortress)
**Feste. Dramen. Katastrophen.
So nah wie nie. (Splendor. Tears.
Disasters. Closer than ever.)**

Built in the mid-16th century, Festung Dresden was one of the most modern fortresses of its time. In the old vaults under Brühl's Terrace, a new multimedia exhibition brings 450 years of Dresden's history to life in an array of spectacular installations. Breathtaking 360-degree projections and atmospheric audio technology take you on a thrilling journey through time.
www.festung-dresden.de

New opening: 7th December 2019
Old Masters Picture Gallery and Sculpture Collection in a new guise in the Zwinger Semperbau

The collector's passion shared by all the Saxon prince electors laid the foundation for today's State Art Collections. Augustus the Strong and his son Augustus III were especially active in the acquisition of important works of art for Dresden. In the Zwinger Semperbau, major elements of the collection can now be admired in a new presentation, combining paintings from the Old Masters Picture Gallery with great sculptures.
www.skd.museum

Opening in 2020
Dresden Zwinger
2020: Zwinger Xperience. Macht. Epochen. Dimensionen. Eine Zeitreise. (Power. History. Dimensions. A journey through time.)

More than any other structure in Dresden's historic centre, the Zwinger Palace, a complex of buildings erected in 1719 by the architect Matthäus Daniel Pöppelmann and the sculptor Balthasar Permoser, exemplifies the grandeur of Augustus the Strong and the baroque splendour of his capital. The new 3D audiovisual museum tells the story of this Dresden landmark by means of fascinating panoramic projections and virtual reality.
www.schloesserland-sachsen.de

Special exhibitions

From 1st April 2020

Schloss Moritzburg

Mythos August – 350 Jahre August der Starke (Augustus the Strong 350 years on)

Augustus the Strong is indisputably the most famous of all the Saxon prince electors. His multiple roles of King of Poland, Father of the Saxon state and religious convert, patron of architecture and collector of art are historically documented and have been extensively researched. Added to which are various stories of bending horse-shoes or prodigious feats of potency. This special exhibition is now exploring the myths and legends surrounding Augustus.

www.schloss-moritzburg.de

March to June 2020

Japanese Palace, Green Vault

Bellum et Artes

The Thirty Years War cast a shadow over the 17th century in terms of its brutality, duration and the unspeakable suffering inflicted on the civilian population. It was a catastrophe of truly European proportions. Consequently, any exhibition that seeks to shed a light on the function of art and the role of the artist during this war must by definition be international in scope. Museums in Dresden, Prague, Vienna and Stockholm have contributed to Bellum et Artes, an examination of war, art and diplomacy between 1600 and 1650.

www.skd.museum

April to July 2020

Gemäldegalerie Alte Meister (Old Masters Picture Gallery)

Semperbau in the Zwinger

Raffael als Erzähler: Die vatikanischen Wandteppiche und ihre Nachwirkung (Raphael as narrator: The Vatican Tapestries and their legacy)

The exhibition looks at magnificent tapestries based on the designs of Raphael and at the royal collectors, Charles I of England and Augustus the Strong. Also on display are selected works by artists such as Rubens and Poussin who were inspired by Raphael.

www.skd.museum

April to July 2020

Albertinum

Ernst Barlach 150 years on

Ernst Barlach's works still touch on the existential question of man's place in the modern world. To mark the 150th anniversary of his birth, the Dresden State Art Collections have pooled their resources with those of the Ernst Barlach Haus – Stiftung Hermann F. Reemtsma, Hamburg to stage a major retrospective in the Albertinum.

www.skd.museum

Autumn 2020

Japanese Palace, Royal Cabinet of Mathematical and Physical Instruments

Figuren-Automaten (Figures and Automata)

The inventory of the State Art Collections not only includes paintings, sculptures and porcelain but also automata: mechanical globes, automated figures and tools, calculating aids, drinking games and kinetic art, toys and jukeboxes. Exhibits from the Renaissance to the present day will be going on display to the public for the first time.

www.skd.museum

April 2020 to January 2021

Military History Museum of the Bundeswehr Krieg Sieg Nation – Wie das deutsche Kaiserreich entstand (War – Victory – Nationhood: How the German Empire came into being)

After the joint victory of the German states in the Franco-Prussian War, the German Reich was founded in 1871 as the first pan-German nation-state. The Military History Museum looks back on this epoch of immense dynamic change. The exhibition explores the different hopes and aspirations that people associate with the idea of the nation state, thereby touching on matters of the moment.

www.mhmbw.de

April 2020 to April 2021

Deutsches Hygiene-Museum Dresden

Future Food

Food intake is a basic requirement of life. Eating can be a sensual experience. But this routine activity is increasingly becoming an explosive social and political issue. How are we going to feed ourselves in the future? The exhibition gets to grips with one of the most urgent questions of the 21st century. Walk-in 'image and knowledge rooms' invite the visitor to explore some of the controversies surrounding food.

www.dhmd.de

September 2020 to May 2021

Deutsches Hygiene-Museum Dresden

In Jail

At first glance, it seems quite straightforward: we lock up those who commit illegal acts and who pose a danger to society. Incarceration is intended to protect law-abiding citizens, to punish and rehabilitate offenders. But is it really that simple? The exhibition documents the history of the prison system and raises highly relevant questions: does a modern society still need prisons, or are there more effective ways of dealing with crime?

www.dhmd.de





Christmas & Winter Highlights

Dresden Elbland is at its most enchanting as the year draws to a close. The festive spirit once again sparks into life as the traditional Dresdner Striezelmarkt gets underway for the 585th time. This Christmas market gets its name from the Dresdner Christstollen ('Striezel' in the Saxon dialect), a seasonal fruit loaf. Get carried away by the Christmas magic in the medieval town centres of Meissen or Pirna. In the castle at Moritzburg, Cinderella's three wishes come true, and the world-famous Kreuzchor will be thanking Dresdeners for their year-round support with the now traditional Advent concert. The new year gets off to a fast and furious start with a world championship ski race on the Königsufer embankment and a lively ball in the Semperoper.

27th November – 24th December 2019
585th Striezelmarkt plus 17 more Christmas markets
www.dresden-weihnachten.info

16th November 2019 – 1st March 2020
 Schloss Moritzburg
 Winter time is fairy-tale time!
Three Wishes for Cinderella
 The traditional winter exhibition for fans of the German-Czech cult film
www.schloss-moritzburg.de

Mid-November 2019 until the beginning of January 2020
Christmas Garden
 A display of different light installations generates a fairy-tale Christmas atmosphere in the Schlosspark at Pillnitz
www.christmasgarden.de

8th – 10th November 2019
Choco Classico: The Dresden Chocolate Festival
 Dresden Zwinger
www.choco-classico.de

1st – 3rd Advent weekend
 Radebeul-Altkötzschenbroda
Lichterglanz & Budenzauber (Bright Lights and Enchanting Stalls)
 Christmas market in Radebeul
www.weihnachtsmarkt-radebeul.de

26th November – 24th December 2019
 Meissen
Meissner Weihnacht (Christmas market)
www.meissner-weihnacht.de

7th and 8th December 2019
 Radebeul
Manufakturen-Weihnachtsmarkt auf Schloss Wackerbarth
 Christmas market with selected Saxon manufacturers, artisans and culinary craftsmen
www.schloss-wackerbarth.de

19th December 2019
Danke Dresden – Das Große Adventskonzert des Dresdner Kreuzchores
 Advent concert given by the Kreuzchor to thank the Dresdeners for their support
 Rudolf-Harbig-Stadion
www.kreuzchor.de

11th and 12th January 2020
FIS Cross-Country Skiing Sprint World Cup
 Top-class winter sports on the Elbe, played out in front of the famous city skyline
 Königsufer Dresden
www.skiweltcup-dresden.de

7th February 2020
15th SemperOpernball
 In and in front of the Semperoper
www.semperoperball.de

Further events in Dresden Elbland in 2020

7th February 2020
15th SemperOpernball
www.semperopernball.de

11th – 15th March 2020
Humorzone Dresden
Festival of humour directed by Olaf Schubert
www.humorzone.de

17th – 19th April 2020
Dresdner Dampfloktreffen
Meeting of steam locomotive enthusiasts
www.dresdner-dampfloktreffen.de

24th April 2020 | Pirna
Lebendiges Canaletto
The famous Canaletto view brought to life
www.pirna.de

24th – 26th April 2020
Elbe Day
Music festival marking the 75th anniversary of the meeting of the American and Soviet forces at Torgau on the Elbe in April 1945
www.elbeday.de

1st May 2020
Traditional parade of the Saxon Steamship Company fleet
www.saechsische-dampfschiffahrt.de

12th May – 12th June 2020
Dresden Music Festival
www.musikfestspiele.com

17th – 24th May 2020
50th International Dixieland Festival
www.dixielandfestival-dresden.de

31st May – 2nd June 2020
Karl May Festival in Radebeul
www.karl-may-fest.de

Early June | Meissen
Meissen Literature Festival
www.literaturfest-meissen.de

19th – 21st June 2020
BRN – Bunte Republik Neustadt
Party time in the 'alternative' quarter of Dresden
Äussere Neustadt
www.brn-dresden.de

26th – 28th June 2020
30th Elbhag Festival
www.elbhagfest.de

25th June – 30th August 2020
Film Nights on the Elbe Embankment
www.filmnaechte-am-elbufer.de

28th June – 5th July 2020
38th Torgau Festival Week of Protestant Church Music
www.evkirchetorgau.de

4th July 2020
Museum Night Dresden
www.dresden.de/museumsnacht

August 2020
Palais Sommer
www.palaisommer.de

8th – 23rd August 2020
Moritzburg Festival
Moritzburg, Meissen
www.moritzburgfestival.de

14th – 16th August 2020
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www.dresdner-stadtfest.com

29th – 30th August 2020
Open Days in the Vineyards of Saxony along the Saxon Wine Route
www.dresden-elbland.de

25th – 27th September 2020 | Meissen
Meissen Wine Festival
www.meissner-weinfest.de

25th – 27th September 2020 | Radebeul
Radebeul Autumn/Wine Festival with International Itinerant Theatre Festival
www.weinfest-radebeul.de
www.radebeul.de

2nd – 11th October 2020
Heinrich Schütz Music Festival
www.schuetz-musikfest.de

23rd October – 1st November 2020
DAVE: Festival of Club Culture
www.dave-festival.de

30th October – 1st November 2020
Moritzburg
Fisch- und Waldfest
Festival of local fishermen and foresters
www.kulturlandschaft-moritzburg.de

21st October – 22nd November 2020
Dresden
20th Dresden Jazz Days
www.jazztage-dresden.de

26th November – 24th December 2020
586th Striezelmarkt
www.dresden-weihnachten.info

Premieres in the Semperoper Dresden

26th January 2020
RICHARD WAGNER
Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg
Musical direction: Christian Thielemann

29th February 2020
JACQUES OFFENBACH
La Grande-Duchesse de Gérolstein
Musical direction: Jonathan Darlington

26th April 2020
GIACOMO PUCCINI
Madame Butterfly
Musical direction: Lorenzo Viotti

23rd May 2020
GIUSEPPE VERDI
Don Carlo
Musical direction: Christian Thielemann

20th June 2020
GEORGE BALANCHINE/ HANS VAN MANEN/ DAVID DAWSON
Vier letzte Lieder (Four Last Songs)
Three-part ballet evening
Music by Igor Stravinsky, Henryk Mikolaj Górecki, Richard Strauss

12th – 14th January 2020
6th Symphony Concert
Conducted by Christian Thielemann
Ludwig van Beethoven



Festival week in the Dresden Kulturpalast 150 Years of the Dresden Philharmonic

21st and 22nd November 2020
Salvatore Sciarrino: New work for baritone and orchestra
Commissioned for the anniversary
Premiere
Robert Schumann: Symphony No. 2
Conductor: Marek Janowski

25th November 2020
Richard Strauss: Der Bürger als Edelmann (Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme) Orchestral suite
Richard Wagner: Siegfried, closing scene of Act III
Concert performance
Conductor: Marek Janowski

29th November 2020
Concert to celebrate the orchestra's anniversary
Carl Maria von Weber: Overture to Der Freischütz
Anton Bruckner: Symphony No 4 in E flat major
Conductor: Marek Janowski

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www.dresden-magazin.com

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