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Inspiring: A Vibrant Cultural Life

“The cultural offer is simply striking. For quite some time, Vorarlberg has experienced a powerful stimulus.”
(Augustin Jagg, founder of “*Theater Kosmos*“ in Bregenz)

2007 is a year of anniversaries and premières. The Vorarlberg State Museum in Bregenz and the Angelika-Kauffmann Museum in Schwarzenberg will be devoting major exhibitions to the eminent Baroque painter Angelika Kauffmann under the title “A Lady of Amazing Talent”. The Bregenz *Kunsthau*s is poised to celebrate its 10th anniversary. The Bregenz Festival will stage a new production of *Tosca* and a preview of British contemporary music under the heading “*Kunst aus der Zeit fast forward*” already in March.

Angelika-Kauffmann Memorial Year 2007

Although Angelika Kaufmann (1741 to 1807) lived in London, Venice and Rome, she always spoke of the small village of Schwarzenberg in the *Bregenzerwald* as her true home. Angelika Kauffman was a celebrity during her lifetime. Her paintings are on show in all major museums of the world, the *Hermitage* in St. Petersburg, the *Pinakothek* in Munich, the *Uffizi* in Florence and the *Tate* in London.

Marking the 200th anniversary of her death, the re-furbished Angelika-Kauffmann Museum in Schwarzenberg and the Vorarlberg State Museum are staging a major Angelika-Kauffmann exhibition from 14 June to 5 November 2007 under the heading “**A Lady of Amazing Talent**”.

The show will present her artistic oeuvre against the backdrop of her career as a painter and the stations of her life. Interweaving art history and cultural history, this two-fold approach will try to shed light on the

contemporary relevance of this exceptional artist (www.vlm.at // www.angelika-kauffmann.com).

Bregenz Festival: Tosca & Benjamin Britten

The Bregenz Festival (18 July to 19 August) is putting on a new production of Giacomo Puccini’s *Tosca*, an operatic drama of love, power and jealousy.

At the *Festspielhaus* they will be staging Benjamin Britten’s last and rarely performed opera “Death in Venice”.

The *Operette am Kornmarkt* has also devoted its programme to Benjamin Britten, performing his first piece of operatic music theatre, *Paul Bunyan*, from 27 July.

The orchestra concerts recall the memory of Benjamin Britten and his friend Dmitri Shostakovich. The “*Kunst aus der Zeit*” series features British contemporary music by the motto of “Made in Britain” (www.bregenzerfestspiele.at).

Packages for the Bregenz Festival can be booked directly with *Bodensee-Vorarlberg Tourismus*. The price for a “*Tosca*” package is EUR 129.- per person and covers one overnight in a 3-star hotel and one festival ticket. The luxury option includes a ticket for the festival lounge, dinner and overnight in a 4-star hotel in Bregenz at a rate of EUR 349.- per person sharing a double room (www.bodensee-vorarlberg.com).

New: *Kunst aus der Zeit fast forward* in March

For the first time in history, the Bregenz Festival is extending the season and presenting a preview already in March (21-24) as part of the *Kunst aus der Zeit fast forward* series. Performances of contemporary British art will be staged at the *Werkstattbühne* (www.bregenzerfestspiele.at).

Schubertiade Hohenems & Schwarzenberg

The programme of the *Schubertiade* festival features artists of world renown who will put in an appearance at the original venue Hohenems on some weekends in March, April and May and during the winter months. The concerts will be held in the refurbished *Markus-Sittikus* hall on *Schlossplatz* square.

In the summer and in early autumn, the *Schubertiade* moves to the countryside, to Schwarzenberg in the *Bregenzerwald*. The bucolic flair of the *Bregenzerwald* blends magically with the music of Schubert and his contemporaries.

This year's *Schubertiade* festival in Schwarzenberg from 14 to 24 June and from 24 August to 9 September features some 70 events, including chamber music concerts, *lied* and piano recitals, orchestra concerts, readings and master classes.

Commanding splendid views of the pastures and mountains of the *Bregenzerwald*, the Angelika-Kauffman hall will again host outstanding artists and ensembles such as Ian Bostridge, Andreas Scholl, Christoph Prégardien, Michael Schade, Angelika Kirchschrager, Anne-Sofie von Otter, Thomas Quasthoff, Olaf Bär, Alfred Brendel, Elisabeth Leonskaja, Heinrich Schiff, the Alban Berg Quartet, and the Hagen Quartet (www.schubertiade.at).

Packages for the *Schubertiade* Festival in Schwarzenberg can be booked directly with *Bregenzerwald Tourismus*, phone +43(0)5512-23 65, www.bregenzerwald.at.

Kunsthau Bregenz Celebrating its 10th Anniversary

In 2007, the Bregenz *Kunsthau* (KUB) will be celebrating its 10th anniversary. Today, it is one of the leading exhibition halls for contemporary art in Europe. The programme features three exhibitions: *Re-Object*, from 18 February to 13 May, featuring works by Marcel Duchamp, Damien Hirst, Jeff Koons, and Gerhard Merz. Under the

motto "Myths", the KUB summer exhibition (2 June to 9 September) is putting on show works by Joseph Beuys, Matthew Barney, Douglas Gordon and Cy Twombly. From 29 September 2007 to 6 January 2008, *KUB* is presenting works by the Swiss architect Peter Zumthor. *Kunsthau* Bregenz is considered among his chief works of art. (www.kunsthau-bregenz.at).

Bregenz Spring is Dancing

The Bregenz Spring Dance Festival sets the tone for this year's string of cultural events. On four weekends from May to June, the festival, which has long gained a reputation as the leading dance festival in German-speaking Europe, is staging first performances in Austria, starring the Compañía Nacional de Danza, Rosas – Anne Teresa De Keersmaeker, the Ballet National de Marseille and the Compagnie Georges Momboye. A world premiere at *Aktionstheater Ensemble* is "*die Cenci*", a play by Antonin Artaud. (www.bregenzerfruehling.at).

Montafon Summer

The *Montafon* Summer festival of culture is scheduled for 14 to 29 July. The programme features some 20 events, from classical music, opera and jazz, to literature and creativity for children. From East/West to North/South is the motto of this event where music styles and influences from all corners of the world will meet. The programme's highlight is a performance of Christoph Willibald Gluck's opera "*Le Cinesi*" as well as performances by the *Timna Brauer* ensemble, the Vorarlberg Jazz orchestra, and the *Blechcircus* brass ensemble. The music programme is accompanied by regional specialities and exhibitions (www.montafoner-sommer.at).

Exciting Exhibitions

- § The **Jewish Museum** documents the more than 300 year-history of Jews living in the rural town of Hohenems. After undergoing a major facelift, the museum will inaugurate a new permanent exhibition on 29 April 2007 (www.jm-hohenems.at).
- § **art bodensee in Dornbirn** (27 to 29 July) is the leading art fair around Lake Constance (www.artbodensee.info).
- § The **Werkraum Bregenzwald** brings together more than 100 enthusiastic and innovative craftspeople from the *Bregenzwald*. From April to October, the depot in Schwarzenberg exhibits masterpieces by its members. Open Thursdays 5pm to 7:30pm, daily from 5pm to 7:30pm during the *Schubertiade* festival, and by prior appointment (www.werkraum.at).
- § Craftspeople of different trades from the whole *Bregenzwald* rally at the **Crafts Exhibition** in Bezau from 14 to 19 August to present select works, from traditional wood clogs to design furniture (www.handwerksausstellung.at).
- § The region's most frequented museum is **inatura** in Dornbirn, an interactive nature exhibition which gives insights into Vorarlberg's nature. (www.inatura.at).

Service

1) Suggested reading

Summer Journal

In the Summer Journal 2007, personalities from different walks of life inform about special sites and programmes in nature, about culinary delights and about the painter Angelika Kauffmann. The detachable info-booklet contains a map, a calendar of events, as well as information on museums, sports and recreational facilities.

The call of the mountains

On 16 pages, the new brochure informs about the most scenic hikes and tours, themed paths for children and adults, cable railways, mountain lodges, mountaineering schools, Alpine wellness and package deals for sporty types and bon vivants.

architecture land vorarlberg– contemporary design

Together with the Vorarlberg Institute of Architecture, the Vorarlberg Tourist Board has published a brochure called “architektur land vorarlberg – zeitgenössische baukunst” (English-German) containing a wealth of information for interested laypersons.

All brochures are available f.o.c. from Vorarlberg Tourismus, Post Box 302, A-6901 Bregenz – Österreich/Austria, Phone +43 (0) 5574-425 25-0 (Mon – Sat, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.), info@vorarlberg.travel // www.vorarlberg.travel

2) Media Service

The media team of Vorarlberg Tourismus will provide you with:

- a photo-CD-ROM with 80 select photographs from all regions upon your request. All photos may be used/reprinted free of charge when used in a touristic context;
- more digital photos from our comprehensive archive upon request;
- thoroughly researched and detailed media- and background information from our current database – from the Alpine summer to viticulture in Vorarlberg;
- fact-finding trips.

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