

Press Release

11 March 2021

Schloss Neuhardenberg foundation publishes its programme for April to July 2021: online from 12 March, programme overview video stream starts on 16 March (with press preview at noon); ticket sale begins on 18 March 2021 at 10 am

In these times of uncertainty and major restrictions in the culture sector, the Schloss Neuhardenberg foundation is nevertheless looking towards the new event season with optimism by publishing its programme for April to July 2021. Pandemic-permitting, Neuhardenberg Castle will once again host concerts, readings, theatre performances, exhibitions and panel discussions from Easter onwards. In mid-May, an imposing arc roof will be set up in the castle park once again to serve as an open-air stage and venue for the following month. In view of the great success of its series of open-air events in the castle park in the summer of 2020, the foundation will again be extending an invitation to ‚The Great Outdoors!‘ for a tightly packed and varied programme of events from 21 May to 20 June 2021, as well as two regular programme features that had to be postponed last year, ‚Cinema Meets Culinary Art‘ and the Second Neuhardenberg Singer’s Get-together.

‚We developed the programme with dedication, excited anticipation and a good portion of confidence in what may be possible over the next few months. Uncertainties remain, and maybe not all of our plans will come to fruition,‘ says **Dr Heike Kramer**, the Schloss Neuhardenberg foundation’s representative executive officer. ‚At the same time, we hope that this programme rings in a gradual return towards normality and to doing what we are here to do – to offer a space for art, culture and socialising.‘

Programme overview video stream on 16 March 2021 from noon onwards

On 16 March, **Dieter Kosslick** and **Klaus Hoffmann** will provide an overview of the coming season’s programme together with the foundation’s representative executive officer **Dr Heike Kramer**. The video broadcast (length approx. ten minutes) will initially be available to media representatives only at: www.schlossneuhardenberg.de/service-informationen/presse.

Season start Easter 2021

The programme begins on Easter Sunday, 4 April, with a reading by **Udo Samel** entitled *Nicht schon wieder Essen!* (‚No more food!‘), a presentation of literary delicacies. On Easter Monday, 5 April, we will be welcoming **Dagmar Manzel** with her musical-literary programme *Mein Liederbuch* (‚My Songbook‘). Up to July, the programme will be governed by three key themes: On 15 May, **Etta Scollo** will explore the dream destination Italy with her concert *Il Passo Interiore*; Italy is also the focus of the exhibition **Rom Bilder** (‚Pictures of Rome‘) featuring works by the photographer **Maximilian Meisse** (opens on 12 June) and this year’s edition of *Kino trifft Kulinarik* (‚Cinema Meets Culinary Art‘) on 12 June, when **Dieter Kosslick** will be welcoming **Martina Gedeck** as the guest of honour to an Italian evening. Readings by **Corinna Harfouch**, **Dagmar Manzel**, **Angela Winkler** and **Burghart Klaußner** will be dedicated to strong women who lived in the first half of the 20th century. One of the guests we will be welcoming to Neuhardenberg on our *English Weekend* (29/30 May) will be the legendary guitarist **John McLaughlin**.

Other highlights include the *Neuhardenberg Singer’s Get-together* (19 June), curated by **Klaus Hoffmann**, with his fellow singer-songwriters **Lydie Auvray**, **Stoppok & Worthy**, **Felix Kramer**, **Maria Farantouri** and **Cynthia Nickschas** as well as performances by **John Scofield**, **Anne Sofie von Otter**, **Caroline Peters** and **Martin Brambach**, **Sebastian Knauer**, **Martin Kohlstedt**, **Max Raabe**, **Ulrich Tukur** and the **Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra Amsterdam’s Camerata RCO**.

On the programme for our youngest visitors are the premiere of Sophie Reyer’s play *Fleders fantastische Reise oder Fliegen lernen mit Drache* (‚Fleder’s fantastic journey or learning to fly with Dragon‘) on 29/30 May, a coproduction with the **Junges Schauspiel** cast of the of the **Düsseldorfer Schauspielhaus**, as well as two readings of adventure stories with **Boris Aljinovic** (18 April) and **Katharina Thalbach** (24 May).

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In the spring, two panel discussions will continue Neuhardenberg's tradition of lively discourse: On 6 June, **Gabriella Pape, Adelheid Gräfin Schönborn** and **Dino Heicker** will be talking about contemporary and past garden and landscape design with the *rbb-Inforadio* editor **Harald Asele**. On 20 June, **Sylvia Hagen, Johannes Heisig, Lola Randl** and **Nikko Weidemann** will be discussing the fact that artists have always been drawn to remote rural locations with the curator **Jan Kage**, examining the regional example of the *Künstlerkolonie Brandenburg* (*Artists' Colony Brandenburg*).

Exhibitions

The **Brandenburg Art Award** by the *Märkische Oderzeitung* newspaper and the Schloss Neuhardenberg foundation will once again be awarded in 2021. More than 300 artists have entered the competition. The award-winning works in the categories painting, graphic, sculpture and photography will be exhibited at Neuhardenberg Castle from 9 May to 22 August. In the foyer of the Great Hall, the foundation will be showing drawings and water colours of the Oderbruch (23 May to 6 June), followed by photographs taken in the Eternal City by **Maximilian Meisse** (12 June to 26 September).

The Great Outdoors! programme in the castle park from 21 May to 20 June 2021

The Neuhardenberg estate not only consists of the neoclassical castle and the Schinkel Church; the complex of building is also surrounded by one of Germany's most beautiful landscaped parks. Designed and created by the landscape architects Peter Joseph Lenné and Hermann Fürst von Pückler-Muskau, the park will once again serve as the main venue for the foundation's *Ins Freie!* (*The Great Outdoors!*) programme of open-air events underneath an arc roof that protects both the artists and the audience from the elements. The series will kick off with a concert by the mezzo-soprano **Anne Sofie von Otter** entitled *Frühlings Erwachen* (*Spring Awakening*) on 21 May.

Hotel Schloss Neuhardenberg and Country Inn Brennerei

The Hotel Schloss Neuhardenberg offers various all-in packages in parallel to the events that include accommodation, the event admission tickets and various culinary delights. As soon as the hotel is permitted to open for business again, it will be possible to book the **'Cinema Meets Culinary Art' Package**, for example, for the respective event in the Neuhardenberg castle park (12 June). Classic, vegetarian or vegan picnic hampers are available daily from May to September and must be ordered in advance. The Country Inn Brennerei also remains closed for the time being. Every Saturday and Sunday, the castle kitchen serves takeaway snacks and drinks to visitors enjoying the park at the former fire station Spritzenhaus opposite the Schinkel Church.

Advance tickets

Tickets go on sale on **18 March at 10 am**, and can be purchased by calling **033476 600-750** (10 am - 18 pm every day) or online 24/7 at www.schlossneuhardenberg.de. The Neuhardenberg box office on site is closed. Please refer to the foundation's website for up-to-date information regarding the seating rules, hygiene measures and contact detail recording.

Website redesigned

The recently redesigned website www.schlossneuhardenberg.de provides information about the programme of events, the Schloss Neuhardenberg foundation, the opening hours and offers, as well as the latest news.

The Schloss Neuhardenberg foundation is just one of the many charity organisations financed by the German Savings Banks Association, Germany's most generous contributor to arts and culture sector charities second only to the country's government.

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Overview of programme from April to July 2021

CONCERTS

Etta Scollo, *Il Passo Interiore*, 15 May, 7 pm
Anne Sofie von Otter, *Spring Awakening*, 21 May, 8 pm
John Scofield Trio, 22 May, 8 pm
John McLaughlin & The 4th Dimension, 29 May, 8 pm (*English Weekend*)
Nils Landgren Funk Unit, 2 June, 8 pm
Martin Kohlstedt solo, 3 June, 8 pm
Camerata RCO, members of the **Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra Amsterdam**, 5 June, 7 pm
Rabih Abou-Khalil Trio, 6 June, 7 pm
Max Raabe & Palast Orchester, *Good Day, Dear Happiness*, 9 June, 8 pm
Avi Avital & Omer Klein, 10 June, 8 pm
Alexander Scheer, Andreas Dresen & Band, *Gundermann*, 13 June, 7 pm
Second Neuhardenberg Singer's Get-together Songs, singers and poets, with **Lydie Auvray, Stoppok & Worthy, Cynthia Nikschas, Felix Kramer, Maria Farantouri and Klaus Hoffmann**, 9 June from 2 pm onwards;
Hazmat Modine, *Box of Breath*, 20 June, 8 pm
Ulrich Tukur & Die Rhythmus Boys, *Canned Rhythm – the Anniversary Programme*, 4 July, 7 pm

READINGS

Udo Samel, *No more food!*, 4 April, 5 pm (*Easter Sunday*)
Dagmar Manzel, *My Songbook*, with **Frank Schulte** on the piano, 5 April, 5 pm (*Easter Monday*)
Ulrich Noethen, *These Germans! A strange people*, 2 May, 5 pm
Wolfram Koch, *The Pigeon Tunnel. Stories from My Life* by John le Carré, 16 May, 5 pm
Corinna Harfouch, *I Live in the Maybe*, texts by and about Emmy Hennings, 23 May, 6 pm (*Whitsun*)
Samuel Finzi & Gebrüder Glücklich (music), *Job* by Joseph Roth, 24 May, 7 pm (*Whitsun*)
Angela Winkler und Burghart Klaußner, *Drunk on Your Beauty*, 29 May, 5 pm (*English Weekend*)
Dagmar Manzel, *Mein exzentrisches Leben (Taken Care Of. An Autobiography.)*, texts by and about Edith Sitwell, 30 May, 5 pm (*English Weekend*)
Caroline Peters und Martin Brambach, *Keiner hat gesagt, dass du ausziehen sollst (State of the Union)*, 4 June, 8 pm
Martina Gedeck and Sebastian Knauer (piano), *On An Ocean Full of Harmony*, 11 June, 8 pm

FAMILY PROGRAMME

Fleder's fantastic journey or learning to fly with Dragon'), premiere of a play developed in cooperation with **Junges Schauspiel Düsseldorf**, for everyone aged six and over, 29 and 30 May, 3 pm
Boris Aljinovic, *Max and the Wild 7: The Black Ace*, for everyone aged seven and over, 18 April, 4 pm
Katharina Thalbach *Munchhausen and Till Eulenspiegel* by Erich Kästner, for everyone aged six and over, 24 May, 4 pm (*Whitsun*)

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Ideal Landscapes. Lenné, Pückler and contemporary garden design with **Gabriella Pape, Dino Heicker and Adelheid Gräfin Schönborn**, moderator: **Harald Asel** (*rbb Inforadio*), 6 June, 4 pm
Artists' Colony Brandenburg with **Johannes Heisig, Sylvia Hagen, Nikko Weidemann and Lola Randl**, moderator: **Jan Kage**, 20 June, 3 pm

EXHIBITIONS

Brandenburg Art Award by the *Märkische Oderzeitung* newspaper and the Schloss Neuhardenberg foundation, 9 May – 22 August 2021
Das Oderbruch drawings and water colours, 23 May – 6 June 2021
Rom Bilder ('Pictures of Rome'), photographs by **Maximilian Meisse**, 12 June – 26 September 2021

AND

Cinema Meets Culinary Art in the Neuhardenberg Castle park: *Serata Italiana – an Italian evening*, curated by **Dieter Kosslick**, reading, discussion and film starring **Martina Gedeck**, 12 June from 4:30 pm