

## **LIFE+ CELEBRATION CONCERT: Big Names from Opera and Drama United Against AIDS**

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For the seventh time, the elegant LIFE+ CELEBRATION CONCERT on June 1, 2018 will kick off the Life Ball weekend. With the tenors **Jonas Kaufmann**, **Andreas Schager**, the mezzo-soprano **Elena Maximova**, and the sopranos **Hila Fahim** and **Kristin Lewis** using their talent to serve this good cause, international opera stars will raise their voices for those impacted by and living with HIV/AIDS. They will be accompanied by the **Wiener KammerOrchester** under **Azis Adikovic** and the **Philharmonia Chorus** under **Walter Zeh**.

Tickets for Donor Boxes for the star-studded concert are available now through the Life Ball Office at: [ticket@lifeball.org](mailto:ticket@lifeball.org) or +43 1 595 5600-14.

The LIFE+ CELEBRATION CONCERT 2018 is all about the shimmering term of „Home“ and addressing questions like: What is home? A place, faith, a feeling, a memory? Or is it the people and the customs? The theme will be present throughout the opera performances and short readings of the Austrian literature canon – read by acting stars like **Markus Meyer** and **Sunnyi Melles**, as well as a solo performance by violin virtuoso **Lidia Baich**.

In remembrance on 80 years since the Annexation of Austria and this dark period of human history, artist **Ute Lemper** will sing *Songs for Eternity*, Yiddish songs written in the ghettos and concentration camps.

*Home is Where No One Has Ever Been*, this is the subtitle of this years concert. The Viennese artist and pioneer of Fantastic Realism, **Arik Brauer**, implemented the theme artistically. His poster shows that home does not have to be a place but can be so much more.

„It moves me deeply to see so many big names from classical art, theater and Chanson supporting us again this year. Within the precise dramaturgy of Burgtheater director **Alexander Wiegold** they raise their voices united to end aids. By donating their time and talent for the cause, the artists confirm the work of me and my team in making a home for it within the classical music scene as well as on the world's stages like on the Life Ball itself“, Gery Keszler, CEO LIFE+ and Life Ball organizer says.

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Donor Boxes that include attendance at the Welcome Cocktail in Le Méridien and the possibility to join the general rehearsal for the Life Ball on June 1, 2018 are available now via Life Ball Office. Regular tickets will be available starting April 20, 2018 via **CULTURALL** and the official ticket partner of Life Ball, **WIEN TICKET**.

The proceeds of the event go to national and international HIV/AIDS projects.

LIFE BALL 2018 is celebrating life, human dignity, tolerance and equal rights for the 25<sup>th</sup> time. For all those who share a love for classical arts and support raising awareness, the LIFE+ CELEBRATION CONCERT is an established cultural highlight signifying commitment and open-mindedness.

**HARD FACTS:**

**LIFE+ CELEBRATION CONCERT – HOME IS WHERE NO ONE HAS EVER BEEN**

June 1, 2018, 7 p.m. – BURGTHEATER, Vienna

Direction: Alexander Wiegold, video production: Michael Balgavy

2 x 60 minutes including a break

**PARTICIPATING ARTISTS INCLUDING:**

Lidia Baich / Hila Fahima / Jonas Kaufmann / Kristin Lewis / Ute Lemper / Elena Maximova / Sunnyi Melles / Markus Meyer / Philharmonia Chorus / Azis Sadikovic / Andreas Schager / Wiener KammerOrchester / Walter Zeh.

**TICKETS:**

€ 190,00 / € 150,00 / € 110,00 / € 75,00 / € 40,00

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**DONOR BOXES:**

€ 1.900,00 EUR

Seats 4 people (parterre or mezzanine) at concert as well as attendance at Welcome Cocktail and general rehearsal for the 25<sup>th</sup> Life Ball.

The donation share is tax deductible.

**INFORMATION ABOUT DONOR'S BOXES:**

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Elegant evening attire

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