

Sun 23.11.2025

KKL Luzern

Friends Event Forward Festival

This marks the fifth edition of our fall festival devoted to contemporary music. Prepare yourself for an exciting, moving, and unique journey into sound. Experience the inspiring interaction between today's leading composers and talented young musicians from across the globe.



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SPRING FESTIVAL

11.04. - 13.04.2025

PIANO FEST

29.05. - 01.06.2025

SUMMER FESTIVAL

12.08. - 14.09.2025

FORWARD FESTIVAL

21.11. - 23.11.2025

Rehearsal Visits

This year again gives you an opportunity to attend orchestra rehearsals. These rehearsal visits at the KKL Luzern will be supplemented by hosted talks with artists. Dates to be announced later.

**We look forward
to spending an
unforgettable festival
season with you!**

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**EVENTS
2025**

Mon 10.03.2025

18.00 | Mandarin Oriental Palace, Luzern

Summer Preview 2025

Michael Haefliger and his team present highlights of the Summer program for the final year of his directorship. This year's theme being "Open End," a fabulous festival is ensured in lieu of a sad farewell. We warmly invite you to this summer preview featuring selected guests and musical performances, followed by a reception.

Fri 11.04.2025

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Friends Event Spring Festival

Following the Spring Festival's Friday evening concert, you will have a chance to meet the musicians of our Lucerne Festival Orchestra.

At the Piano Fest, you can enjoy the premiere of the new album by Malakoff Kowalski, who will team up with Igor Levit, Chilly Gonzales, and Johanna Summer to form a true "supergroup." We will join with all of these artists to celebrate the album's release.

Sat 31.05.2025

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Friends Event Piano Fest



SUMMER FESTIVAL

Fri 15.08.2025

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Opening Night of the Summer Festival

Enjoy the glamorous Festival Opening featuring the Lucerne Festival Orchestra and Riccardo Chailly! In keeping with the theme "Open End," they will perform Gustav Mahler's unfinished Tenth Symphony, using the compelling version prepared by the musicologist Deryck Cooke to present this musical testament. In addition, Mahler's hauntingly beautiful "Rückert-Lieder" will be sung by the celebrated mezzo-soprano Elina Garanča.

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Thu 04.09.2025

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Patrons' Event

A graceful Mozart symphony, Tchaikovsky's Fifth with its triumphant finale, and Bartók's Viola Concerto, the poignant farewell of an ingeniously inspired composer. The Mahler Chamber Orchestra's program leaves nothing to be desired. You will have the opportunity to experience not only this year's "artiste étoile," violist Tabea Zimmermann, but Maxim Emelyanychev as well, one of the most exciting young conductors.

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Sat 13.09.2025

KKL Luzern, Lucerne Hall

Festival- End-Dinner

In keeping with tradition, the Lucerne Cantonal Council and City Council would like to thank you for your support of Lucerne Festival by inviting you to the Festival Closing Dinner.

Sun 14.09.2025

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Les Adieux: A Farewell Party for Michael Haefliger

Time to say goodbye: After 26 years, Michael Haefliger bids farewell as the Festival's Executive and Artistic Director. Among the party guests will be Riccardo Chailly, Sol Gabetta, Patricia Kopatchinskaja, and Igor Levit; the Lucerne Festival Orchestra; the Lucerne Festival Contemporary Orchestra; musicians from the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra; and many more.

