

“Bei uns ist immer was los!”

Salzburger Festspiele / Salzburg Festival (held for 5 weeks starting, in late July)

RUSSIAN SPONSORSHIP OVERSHADOWS SALZBURG MUSIC FESTIVAL

Even before its opening on July 18, the Salzburg Summer Festival has been overshadowed by its choice of sponsors — some with close ties to Vladimir Putin.



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Every summer, Salzburg becomes a showcase for stars and celebrities. In 2020, as the Salzburg Festival turned 100. Around 200 concerts, opera and theater performances in just 43 days attract more than a quarter of a million visitors from more than 80 countries to Austria's fourth-largest city.

It is definitely more pleasant when the discussion around a prominent music festival includes promising productions, big stars and new ideas.

But the war in Ukraine is casting its shadow on [Salzburg's famous Summer Festival](#). The event has been a topic of discussion for weeks after it was clear that its organizers had accepted money from companies close to Putin. Causing further controversy is a Russian's bank financial support for star conductor [Teodor Currentzis](#) and his orchestra, Music Aeterna.