

“Bei uns ist immer was los!”

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

### RUSSIAN SPONSORSHIP OVERSHADOWS SALZBURG MUSIC FESTIVAL



Lars Eidinger and Verena Altenberger at the premiere of 'Everyman' in 2021

It's different in the case of the mining company Solway, which has its headquarters in Switzerland. The festival parted ways with the firm on July 5. Solway had, above all, sponsored the children's and youth program at the festival. Accusations against the company included not only contact with employees at the Kremlin, but also causing environmental hazards, corruption, human rights abuses in a nickel mine in Guatemala and intimidation and persecution of critical journalists and activists.

The company was unable to contradict the accusations until the begin of the festival, which is why the sponsorship contract was canceled by "mutual consent."

### Ilya Troyanov to hold opening speech

The fact that festival organizers intensively engaged with the subject of war in Ukraine, apart from the sponsorship problems, is evident in their choice of the keynote speaker who will open the festival on July 26.

The German writer [Ilya Troyanov](#) has been chosen for this honor. He last spoke in favor of a boycott of oil and gas from Russia.