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Press release

**Kaffeesiederball 2019: Be a guest at the most beautiful coffee house in the world**

"The fortune of the coffee game, lives inside the coffee house" – nothing less but this signification motto was chosen for the ball, which will transform the Vienna Hofburg on the 22 February into the most beautiful of all coffee houses. The motto, a tribute to the game - whether backgammon, bridge, chess or billiards, runs through the entire program.

**A tribute to the Viennese coffee house culture**

The Kaffeesiederball in the Vienna Hofburg brings together all those who want to celebrate the impressive UNESCO cultural heritage, the Viennese coffee house culture, appropriately. The event always combines the elegance of a dance event with an incredible lightness, a top-class, versatile program with a relaxed get-together. The ball of the Viennese coffee makers always feels like a cosy evening among friends.

As versatile and colourful as a day in a coffee house - this is how the 62nd edition of the ball presents itself. Under the motto "The fortune of the coffee game, lives inside the coffee house" the versatility of a visit to a coffee house is once again demonstrated. The coffee house has always been a place of exchange, communication and interaction. The classic games such as chess and bridge are just as much a part of this as a lively conversation or leafing through a daily newspaper. Thus the game does not focus on winning, and thus on supposed luck, at all. The real gain is the time gained together.

Like a visit to a coffee house, the ball is also focused on hospitality, casual interaction and the famous Viennese humour.

*"At the Wiener Kaffeesiederball we Cafetièrs live our passion - to be hosts. This personal touch, which can also be experienced in each of our coffee houses, makes the Kaffeesiederball a special ball among all traditional Viennese balls,"* says Anna Karnitscher, who is now pausing for the fourth time to organise the ball.

**It's the mixture that makes the difference**

The ball's program is as varied as the numerous Viennese coffee specialities: for the opening, Christof Cremer as artistic director has created an unusual homage to Fortuna, the goddess of happiness. The Vereinigung Wiener Staatsopernballett, choreographed by Lukas Gaudernak, shows excerpts from "Carmina Burana". The soloists will be the Prima Ballerina of the State Ballet, Maria Yakovleva, and the famous soloist Mihail Sosnovski.



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*"Not only the exquisite enjoyment of coffee, but also the top-class programme, as well as the interweaving of art and culture are what make this ball so special and attract guests from home and abroad,"* says Cremer, enthusiastic about the program planned for 2019.

In the ballroom this time not only rolling is allowed but also rocking: KR Wolfgang Binder, chairman of the Viennese Coffee Seafarers' Group at the Vienna Chamber of Commerce and a member of the ball management, as an avowed musical fan, did not miss the opportunity to persuade musical star Drew Sarich to give a "Late Night Concert". Sarich presents a „Best Of“ of his greatest successes at the Kaffeesiederball. The star guest of the evening is the Salzburg mezzo-soprano Angelika Kirchschrager. She is one of the most extraordinary singers in her field and is at home on all of the stages in the world, in opera as well as in concert.

Even more entertainment is offered to the ball guests with more than 12 orchestras and bands. At the request of many visitors, who like to dance all night long, the "Strictly Ballroom" will be extended - so you can dance all night long.

### **Good mood for a good cause**

Celebrating and doing something good are close together. As a charity project, the Wiener Kaffeesiederball 2019 together with its guests and partners supports a mother-child house of Caritas Vienna. The redesign of the playground for the house Immanuel is supported. Through the social aspect and the annual support of charity projects, the ball skillfully bridges the gap between amusement and seriousness year after year.

*"As head of the Viennese Coffee Brewers' Group, I am delighted that the Viennese Coffee Brewers' Ball and the various accompanying activities will give us the opportunity to focus the national and international public's attention on Viennese coffee brewing culture in such a concentrated way,"* says KR Wolfgang Binder, chairman of the Viennese Coffee Brewers' Group, in anticipation of the 62nd Viennese Coffee Brewers' Ball.



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## **Info & Facts on the 62nd Ball of the Viennese Coffee Seasons**

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Ball Committee: Anna Karnitscher, KR Wolfgang Binder, Christina Hummel



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