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Press Release

Richard Wagner Museum – Haus Wahnfried

Haus Wahnfried - Richard Wagner Museum Bayreuth is the city's most important museum, which presents itself with three different thematic exhibitions.

Visitors in House Wahnfried will experience the most authentic place of documentation about the life and works of Richard Wagner. The ground floor gives a complete insight into the time around 1880 and the world of Richard Wagner. Many friends and celebrities were guests here. Documents from manuscripts and graphic collections of the national archives are presented in changing exhibitions in the mezzanine floor.

The extension building, designed by Berlin museum architect Volker Staab, is dedicated to the history of the Bayreuth Festival from its beginnings to the present. A collection of historical stage design models, costumes and equipment from the Bayreuth Festival Theatre are presented here. For the first time the valuable collection can be seen in this diversity.

The living rooms of Winifred Wagner in the Siegfried Wagner House are entirely accessible to the public. Visitors learn how Wagners music was used in the so called Third Reich and what personal relationship the family Wagner had to Hitler and the Nazi regime.

Other parts of the new museum complex are an underground depot, cinema, special exhibition space, a museum shop and cafeteria. The grave of Richard and Cosima Wagner is located at the end of the Garden to the Hofgarten. Directly, on the nearby Wahnfriedstraße, there are the Franz Liszt Museum and the Jean-Paul-Museum of the City of Bayreuth.

We cordially invite you to visit the new Richard Wagner Museum and Haus Wahnfried.

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