



Officers' Ball Program

17th January 2025

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The Chief of Defence Staff

Ladies and Gentlemen,
Distinguished guests of the Officers' Ball,

As Chief of Defence Staff of the Austrian Armed Forces and as the President of the Alumni Association Alt-Neustadt, it is a great honour for me to welcome you to the 76th Officers' Ball.

The motto of this year's ball is Europe Dances – an homage to the thirtieth anniversary of Austria's accession to the European Union.

We are therefore honoured to welcome the Chairman of the European Union Military Committee and numerous military representatives of EU Member States.

As part of the opening committee, cadets from European armed forces will open the Ball in the only way possible: a Viennese waltz.

The participation of our European partners illustrates the European spirit and the friendly exchange between our armed forces. It also stresses the importance of cooperation for peace, stability and our security.

Seventy years ago, in 1955, the Austrian State Treaty was signed. This was the year Austria regained its full sovereignty, and the Austrian Armed Forces were established. This evening offers a wonderful chance to celebrate this anniversary together with friends. Let this Ball serve as the opening event of this anniversary year.

The Officers' Ball is a unique combination of Vienna's ball tradition and military culture. In this magnificent setting, with guests in uniforms and ball gowns, opened by the anthems of Austria and the European Union, accompanied by music and dance from all over Europe, we can experience an evening full of elegance and international flair.

Take the opportunity to make new friends in a festive atmosphere, to cultivate old friendships and above all, to enjoy the many rhythms offered this evening! Let's celebrate these two anniversaries together and make this evening an unforgettable experience.

I would like to wish you an unforgettable experience and I am happy that we can enjoy this evening together.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Rudolf Striedinger'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rudolf Striedinger
General

Federal President Alexander van der Bellen



Ladies and gentlemen,
distinguished guests of the Officers' Ball,

For the 76th time, the Alumni Association of the Theresian Military Academy and the officers of the Austrian Armed Forces have extended an invitation to the Officers' Ball.

As Federal President and Commander-in-Chief of the Austrian Armed Forces, I am delighted to once again assume patronage of this special event. The Officers' Ball combines the best of ball culture with Viennese tradition and brings together people from Austria and all over the world.

Your attendance illustrates your connection with the Austrian Armed Forces, especially in this anniversary year: we celebrate eighty years of independence, seventy years reestablishment of the Austrian Armed Forces, and thirty years of Austria in the European Union. The united Europe we honour here today guarantees peace and cooperation – values we all share.

I would like to thank you for your support and wish you a glittering, unforgettable evening here in the Hofburg.

A. van der Bellen





Program

Ballopening

09.30 p.m.

Opening fanfare

Entry of the Young Ladies' and
Young Gentlemen's Committee
Entry of the guests of honor
National Anthem, Anthem of Europe

Show program

Vocal Performance

with Claire Craig, Sopran and Martin Lechleitner, Tenor:

„Tanzen möcht' ich, jauchzen möcht' ich „ from
„Die Czárdásfürstin“ by Emmerich Kálmán

70 years of the Austrian Armed Forces
as the first highlight of the anniversary celebrations,
the Show Orchestra of the Austrian Military Musicians pre-
sent the world premiere of the "Parade March",
composed by Prof. Hannes Apfalterer

„Fächerpolonaise“ performed by Young Ladies'
and Young Gentlemen's Committee
Dance performance by Young Ladies'
and Young Gentlemen's Committee
„Festmarsch“, op. 452 von Johann Strauss jr.

Welcome Address

Welcome Address by the Chief of Defence Staff and
chairman of the „Alt-Neustadt“ Association
Ball opening by Federal Minister of Defence

Opening waltz

performed by the Young Ladies' and Young Gentlemen's
Committee

Program



Midnight Show

12 p.m.

Showprogram „Europe dances!“

The waltz formation of the Elmayer dance school celebrates with Johann Strauss jr. on his 200th birthday accompanied by the gala orchestra of the Austrian military musicians

The show orchestra of the Austrian military music, Ms. Fausta Gallelli and the Combo Camouflage lead us musically us musically through Europe

Audience quadrille

Folk Dances

01.15 a.m.

Else and friends invites to:

„This is Austria“

Performance to dance along

Late Night Show

02.30 a.m.

Bella Italia

Mrs. Fausta Gallelli
takes us musically to her homeland

Taps

04.00 a.m.



Music

Main Ballroom

Guards Ball Orchester

09:30 – 10:45 p.m.
11:15 – 11:40 p.m.
00:30 – 01:15 a.m.
01:45 – 02:15 a.m.
02:45 – 03:15 a.m.
03:40 – 04:00 a.m.

Audience Quadrille

Guards Gala Band

10:45 – 11:15 p.m.
11:40 – 12:00 p.m.
01:15 – 01:45 a.m.
02:15 – 02:45 a.m.
03:15 – 03:40 a.m.

Gala Orchestra of the Austrian Military Musics

09:50 – 10:10 p.m.
12:00 – 00:30 a.m.

Opening
Midnight Show

Zeremoniensaal

Wiener Walzertraum

10:30 – 12:00 p.m.
00:30 – 01:15 a.m.
02:15 – 03:00 a.m.
03:20 – 03:55 a.m.

Else and friends
„So tanzt Österreich“

2. Radeztky Apartment

09:00 – 11:00 p.m.
11:45 – 01:30 a.m.
02:00 – 03:30 a.m.

Jazz Duo Ada Kaleh

Metternichsaal

10:30 – 11:40 p.m.
00:30 – 03:50 a.m.

Mad Mixxx

11:40 – 11:55 p.m.

Performance HSV Zwölfaxing

Overview



Rittersaal

Trio „Primavera“

09:30 – 12:00 p.m.

01:00 – 04:00 a.m.

Forum

Camouflage

09:00 – 11:40 p.m.

12:00 – 01:20 a.m.

01:40 – 02:30 a.m.

03:00 – 03:50 a.m.

Performance

HSV Zwölfaxing

10:20 – 10:40 p.m.

Late Night Show Fausta Gallelli 02:30 – 03:00 a.m.

Piano Saloon

Pianist Andreas Reisinger

08:15 – 09:00 p.m.

10:00 – 10:45 p.m.

12:00 – 00:45 a.m.

01:45 – 02:15 a.m.

Hit Disco

09:00 – 10:00 p.m.

11:00 – 12:00 p.m.

00:45 – 01:45 a.m.

02:15 – 03:45 a.m.

Garden Hall

Disco

10:30 p.m. – 03:50 a.m.



Our Artists

Colonel Apfolterer and the Military Showorchester

Colonel Professor Hannes Apfolterer, born in 1965, grew up in Mayrhofen in the Zillertal in Tyrol. He completed his music studies at the Conservatory of the City of Innsbruck with the state teacher training examination in instrumental and vocal pedagogy and the diploma examination in the main subject clarinet with distinction. He passed the military bandmaster examination in 1993 with distinction and became deputy



military bandmaster at the Military Music Tyrol. In January 1994, at the age of 29, military bandmaster Hannes Apfolterer was appointed bandmaster of the brass orchestra „Original Tiroler Kaiserjägermusik“ in Innsbruck. He also directed both the Salzburg Military Band and the Vorarlberg Military Band for several years. Hannes Apfolterer has recorded numerous CDs with the various orchestras, 2 of with a soldiers' choir. On 1st July 2015, he was also awarded the professional title of „Professor“ for his services as a conductor, musician and music teacher.

On the evening of the ball, he will conduct the world premiere of his composition „Parademarsch“ with the show orchestra of the Austrian Armed Forces and accompany us musically through Europe at midnight.

Martin Friedrich Lechleitner Tenor

Martin Lechleitner studied vocals with Professor Gabriele Erhard at the Tyrolean Landeskonservatorium in Innsbruck and Professor Karlheinz Hanser at the University of music and performing arts Vienna, where he graduated with distinction in 2020. In 2018 he performed as Nathanaël/Les contes d'Hoffmann at the Tyrolean county theatre and as Tamino/Zauberflöte at the Schlosstheater Schönbrunn. What followed were performances at the theatre of musical comedy in St. Petersburg and as Count Gustav von Pottenstein at the much lauded production of Das Land des Lächelns at the Seefestspiele Mörbisch. Furthermore, he pursues his passion of vocals and Old Music with great vigor. Since 2017 he performs as singer at the orchester Divertimento Viennese.



Introduction



Dancing school „Elmayer“ and the Viennese-Walz Formation



This traditional Viennese dance school, founded in 1919 by the legendary cavalry captain Elmayer-Vestenbrugg, has been teaching young and old the joy of dancing for over a hundred years. As head of the dance school, Dkfm. Thomas Schäfer-Elmayer teaches not only the right dance steps but also good manners. As the organizer of many ball openings, the Elmayer Dance School has been cultivating the cultural heritage of the Viennese ball tradition for many decades. With the „Viennese Waltz Formation“, the classic and thus most traditional formation of the Elmayer Dance School is also present at the Officers' Ball.

Wiener Walzertraum

[Dance Music in the Zeremoniensaal]



The Ladies have set their goal at holding aloft the Viennese Waltz and Johann Strauss' traditions that go with it. Accordingly,

the musical leader, Frau Dorer, is both the conductor and first violin. The special aura of the Ladies Band "Wiener Walzertraum" comes from specialised training, international concert experience coupled with love of the Viennese music.

Andreas Reisinger, Pianist

[Piano-Music in the Piano-Saloon]



The composer and arranger plays live in the piano saloon and puts you in the right mood for soulful moments with his melodies and empathy.



Our Artists

Else and friends
(at 01:15 a.m. in Zeremoniensaal)

The lovers of original Austrian folk music and specifically traditional folk dances can enjoy some of the very best when Mag. Else Schmidt and her ensemble of players and dancers invite you not only to listen but to join in!



Claire E. Graig

Claire Elizabeth Craig is a young soprano with both Scottish and German roots who also feels very closely connected with her home of choice – Austria.

As a scholarship student at the Mozarteum University in Salzburg she was a prizewinner on many occasions, including the International Brahms Competition and the International

Anton Rubinstein Competition.

She has performed at the Salzburger Festspiele, the Mozartwoche Salzburg, Jeunesse Wien and the Festspiele Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

In addition to international opera and concert performances, she dedicates her time to chamber music and the interpretation of art songs.

Musically, she feels most at home in Mozart's enormous vocal oeuvre for the soprano voice.



Fausta Gallelli

Gallelli is from Calabria, Italy, and has been performing since the age of 6. She has toured through Europe with various bands and has performed at different festivals and events, including the renowned „Premio Mia Martini“ as well as the „Accademia della Canzone die Sanremo“.

For her partner she has moved to Austria in 2007 where she founded the band „Duo Volare“, which has gained popularity with the Austrian audience at an astounding rate. At the Officers' Ball Gallelli will represent her home country Italy by performing at the Midnight Show. Furthermore, she will be the star of the Late Night Show, which will take place at the Forum.



Europe dances!



200 Years Johann Strauss



When you think of Vienna and its music, Johann Strauss Jr. and his amazing life's work automatically come to mind. You can confidently summon up the beautiful The Blue Danube, Austria's secret anthem and all his waltzes, polkas and vocal numbers are known worldwide for its catchy tunes. His fame took him throughout Europe and as far as the USA during his lifetime. His music has been inspiring new generations for 200 years now and has made a significant contribution to the musical enrichment of ball culture. It is therefore a great pleasure for the Ball Committee to invite the military representatives from all 27 EU countries to the Officers' Ball as guests of honour and for giving this year's ball the motto „Europe dances“. When the famous Fledermaus Quadrille is played after midnight and the dance columns have lined up, then the ball motto becomes reality and maybe even Johann Strauss' ghost will appear for a moment.





Good to know

Lost and Found

Dear ball guests,

if you have lost any items during the ball, be advised that you can pick them up until 18th January 2025, 05:00 a.m. in the office of the ball committee in the hall near the main stairs. Items which haven't been picked up by then will be brought to the Central Lost and Found Service of the City of Vienna.

No Smoking Rule

In accordance with § 13 of the Austrian Tobacco Act, Federal Law Gazette No. 431/1995, with the latest amendments, we would like to inform you that smoking is forbidden on the premises of the Hofburg Palace.

The smoking ban applies to all premises of the Hofburg Palace.

We ask for your understanding and thank you for your support

Ballcommittee

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Officers' Ball

January 16th 2026



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