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LEIPZIG RESEARCH TEXT

Leipzig Music Trail (last update: 1 March 2023)

Leipzig boasts a large number of sites of interest where famous composers lived and worked, in a concentration that is unmatched anywhere in the world. Wherever you go in the city there is musical history: a dazzling past where the foundations were laid for a lively musical present. Opening up this treasure trove is the Leipzig Music Trail ("Leipziger Notenspur").

The Leipzig Music Trail is a unique guide system which links the 23 most important musical locations in the city centre along a 5km route. The project was opened with a public celebration and music festival in 2012. A trail of curved stainless steel inserts in the ground and information boards is now winding through the centre of Leipzig to highlight the city's exceptional musical tradition. In the coming years this route will be complemented by a musical promenade, the "Leipziger Notenbogen" (Leipzig Music Arc), by a cycle route, the "Leipziger Notenrad" (Leipzig Music Bike Trail) and the "Leipziger Notenweg (Leipzig Music Path).

The music of the famous composers who have lived and worked in Leipzig is a cultural heritage of worldwide importance. The idea behind the steel inserts and the information boards is based on a poem by Eduard Mörike which was set to music in 1849 by Robert Schumann: "Er ist's". In the poem, spring approaches in the air like a blue ribbon. The image of the fluttering blue ribbon is that of the sky, and represents new beginnings and the harmonious changing of the seasons. The ribbons bind and unite, creating a sense of belonging and conveying messages, but they are only brought to life by the wind. In keeping with the internationality of the project the information given along the Music Trail is displayed in English as well as German. The project will also appeal to younger audiences with its use of the internet, iPods and interactive music installations.

Further Information

- www.leipzig.travel/en
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