



Invitation to the Joint Media Conference

## Opening of the Central Exhibition of the Beethoven Year in Bonn

Friday, 13 December 2019, 11:30 am in the Forum of the Bundeskunsthalle

*Beethoven – World.Citizen.Music*

An exhibition of the Bundeskunsthalle in cooperation with the Beethoven Haus Bonn  
17 December 2019 to 26 April 2020

The New Beethoven-Haus

Museum in Beethoven's birthplace with a new permanent exhibition and more space  
from 17 December 2019

Special exhibition *In Great Company – Joseph Stieler's Portrait of Beethoven and its History*  
17 December 2019 to 26 April 2020

Dear Sir or Madam,

To mark Ludwig van Beethoven's 250th birthday, the city of his birth is presenting two major complementary exhibitions:

In cooperation with the Beethoven Haus Bonn, the Bundeskunsthalle is showing the exhibition *Beethoven – World.Citizen.Music*. The exhibition traces the key events and phases of the visionary composer's life, setting them in the larger context of the momentous historical events of the time and correlating them with his musical oeuvre. Visitors will see a selection of priceless objects from the collection of the Beethoven Haus as well as from public and private lenders across Europe, among them several deeply moving items that have rarely or never been presented in public.

The reopening of the Museum in the house of Ludwig van Beethoven's birth coincides with the opening of the exhibition at the Bundeskunsthalle. The museum has been completely reconfigured and gained a few rooms of extra space. The new presentation aims to provide visitors with a modern, experiential and emotionally touching encounter with Beethoven. What's new is a 'treasure chamber' with original manuscripts by Beethoven, a music room and a separate space for special exhibitions which will be inaugurated on 17 December with an exhibition about the history of Joseph Karl Stieler's iconic Beethoven portrait. The reception area with shop, café and a space for educational offers is located on the opposite side of the street.

We would like to tell you more about the two key Beethoven Year exhibitions and invite you to a Media Conference  
on Friday, 13 December 2019  
at 11:30 am  
in the Forum of the Bundeskunsthalle  
(Helmut-Kohl-Allee 4, 53113 Bonn)

The exhibitions in the Bundeskunsthalle and the Beethoven Haus open at 10.00 am.  
A shuttle service will operate between the two venues.



## Panellists:

Patrick Schmeing, Managing Director of the Bundeskunsthalle

Malte Boecker, Director of the Beethoven Haus Bonn and Artistic Director of the Beethoven Jubiläums Gesellschaft

Curators *Beethoven – World.Citizen.Music*:

Agnieszka Lulinska, Bundeskunsthalle

Julia Ronge, Beethoven Haus Bonn

Nicole Kämpken, Director of the Beethoven Haus Bonn Museum

Barbara Holzer, Managing Director Holzer Kobler Architekturen for the Beethoven Haus Bonn

Silke Bettermann, Curator *In Great Company – Joseph Stieler's Portrait of Beethoven and its History*

## Accreditation:

Please register with our press office by 10 December 2019 at: [presse@projekt2508.de](mailto:presse@projekt2508.de)

We would be delighted to assist in arranging interviews and in-depth background talks.

For texts and images, please go to:

[www.bundeskunsthalle.de/presse](http://www.bundeskunsthalle.de/presse)

[www.beethoven.de/de/pressebilder/list](http://www.beethoven.de/de/pressebilder/list)

We look forward to seeing you.

Kind regards

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