

200 years of “Silent Night”

Austria’s message of peace to the world National exhibition across nine municipalities

Salzburg, Oberndorf, Hallein, Arnsdorf, Mariapfarr, Hintersee, Wagrain, Hochburg-Ach in Upper Austria and Fügen in the Zillertal Valley (Tirol) are the individual parts which together make up the whole, decentralised national exhibition lasting from 29 September 2018 to 3 February 2019. All of these destinations can be visited easily and affordably with a combined ticket. On display are various elements regarding the creation of the song “Silent Night”, its creators Joseph Mohr (lyrics) and Franz Xaver Gruber (music), as well as its dissemination, commercialisation and instrumentalisation.

Nine-part exhibition mosaic

The most important stations in the lives of Joseph Mohr and Franz Xaver Gruber are reflected in the exhibitions of the individual municipalities: **Oberndorf** is where the original performance of the song and the socio-historical context of its creation take the centre stage. Whilst the focus in **Hochburg-Ach** lies on Franz Xaver Gruber’s childhood and youth, everything in **Arnsdorf** revolves around what school looked like in the 19th century.

His life’s work and inheritance

The completely renovated and redesigned museum in **Hallein**, on the other hand, presents Gruber’s life’s work and inheritance in the form of autographs, furniture pieces and personal belongings. New developments also await visitors to **Mariapfarr**: The exhibition concept “Silent Night – auf den Weg gebracht” (“Silent Night — taking it to the road”) links Joseph Mohr, who created the song’s lyrics here in 1816, with the subject of pilgrimage as practiced by the various religions.

On the lyricist’s traces

The Joseph Mohr Path in **Hintersee** tells the story of the pastor’s difficult and barren time growing up in a small farm, while **Wagrain**, being the final station in his life, dedicates itself to the global dissemination of the song, engages with the importance of time and silence in our lives and explores various culinary delights and European Christmas traditions as part of a special exhibition.

From Salzburg and Tirol into the world

In parallel to the six verses of the song, the **Salzburg** Museum also tells its creation story, the biography of its two creators and explores the dissemination of the song as well as its political and commercial instrumentalisation.

The global dissemination of the song likewise takes the centre stage in **Fügen** in the Zillertal Valley (Tirol): Whilst Fügen Castle tells the stories of the various singing families, as well as the birth and development of the “Valley of Music”, the Local Museum Fügen allows visitors to sample countless interpretations of the song, including a few rather “exotic” ones.

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A colourful array of offers

The museums offer various guided tours, teaching programmes for schools, family programmes and children's projects to accompany the individual exhibitions.

“Paths to Silent Night” app

The specially developed “Paths to Silent Night” app tells exciting stories about the Christmas song and its two creators, appealing to young visitors in particular. “Bigger” visitors will be able to share their own personal peace messages with others. The mobile app is available for download on app stores or via a QR code located in the museums.

One ticket — nine destinations

A combined ticket for all Silent Night museums is available for purchase for €18 (€12 concessions) at all museums, at the Stille Nacht 2018 GmbH company and, from 25 September 2018, online via www.landesausstellung2018.at. With this ticket, all participating museums can be visited throughout the duration of the exhibition. Also included is a day-ticket for Salzburg's public transport, valid on a day of choice within SalzburgerLand. Each museum also offers individual tickets.

National exhibition key dates

“200 years Silent Night” — Austria's message of peace to the world:

Exhibition length: 29 September 2018 to 3 February 2019

Basic opening times at

all museums: Tuesday to Sunday from 14:00 to 17:00
Additional opening times depend on each individual museum.

Additional information: www.landesausstellung2018.at

Museum hotline: Phone: +43 662 80422018

App for download:
m.stillnacht.com



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All remaining information on the anniversary: 200 years “Silent Night”:

www.silent-night.com