



## PRESS RELEASE

**UNITEL CLASSICA, the exclusive TV channel for Classical Music, presents the SUMMER FESTIVAL 2013 with 8 Live Broadcasts from the renowned Festivals in Salzburg, Lucerne and Bregenz, numerous TV and Platform Premieres and daily Opera and Concert Highlights. Beginning on July 19, UNITEL CLASSICA shows the spectacular new staging of Mozart's Magic Flute live from the stage on the lake in Bregenz.**

**(Oberhaching, July 18, 2013)** UNITEL CLASSICA, the exclusive TV channel for the world of Classical Music, presents the UNITEL CLASSICA SUMMER FESTIVAL from July 19 to August 31 with more than 80 operas and concerts, 7 live resp. live time-deferred broadcasts from four of the most renowned Festivals for Classical Music worldwide: The **Salzburg Festival**, The **Lucerne Festival**, the **Bregenz Festival** and from the **Arena di Verona**.

The SUMMER FESTIVAL starts with the live broadcast of the most popular "Magic Flute" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, spectacularly staged by **David Poutney** on the lake stage from the Festival in Bregenz on July 19, 9:15 p.m.

The **Vienna Philharmonic Opening Concert at the Salzburg Festival** conducted by **Nikolaus Harnoncourt** with **Joseph Haydn's THE SEASONS** will be broadcast live on July 28, 8:15 p.m.

Celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of Richard Wagner and Giuseppe Verdi on the first weekend in August at the Salzburg Festival, UNITEL CLASSICA will broadcast **DIE MEISTERSINGER VON NÜRNBERG** on August 2 and **FALSTAFF** on August 3, each live at prime time at 8:15 p.m.

On 10 August 1913 the Roman amphitheatre Arena di Verona was inaugurated as an opera stage. UNITEL CLASSICA honors this famous open air opera venue showing a total of four spectacular opera productions from the Arena di Verona over one weekend, among them **Verdi's AIDA** in a staging based on the original performance from 1913. On Sunday, August 11 UNITEL CLASSICA shows one of Verdi's most popular operas: **LA TRAVIATA**, each at 8:15 p.m.



Another highlight from the Salzburg Festival is **Verdi's DON CARLO**, starring **Jonas Kaufmann, Anja Harteros** und **Thomas Hampson** with the **Vienna Philharmonic**, conducted by **Antonio Pappano** and staged by **Peter Stein**. Don't miss that highlight. The performances have been sold out faster than any other event. UNITEL CLASSICA is broadcasting this opera on August 16 at 8:15 p.m.

Celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Lucerne Festival, UNITEL CLASSICA presents another live broadcast with the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra conducted by Daniel Barenboim on August 18, 8:15 p.m. At the anniversary weekend of August 24 and 25 UNITEL CLASSICA shows another seven concerts from Lucerne, among them with **Claudio Abbado** and the **Festival Orchestra** and with the **Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra** conducted by **Andris Nelsons**.

Mozart's **THE ABDUCTION FROM THE SERAGLIO** is another special event from the Salzburg Festival which will be performed at Hangar 7 at the Salzburg airport. Since there is no stage, the opera will be performed among historic airplanes, racing cars and other vehicles. UNITEL CLASSICA is airing this event with star soprano **Diana Damrau** and others live on August 26, 8:15 p.m.

There is yet another premiere to enjoy at the end of the UNITEL CLASSICA Summer Festival: The **NHK Symphony Orchestra's** first performance at the Salzburg Festival conducted by **Charles Dutoit**. They will play works by Toru Takemitsu, Toshio Hosokawa und Hector Berlioz. UNITEL CLASSICA presents this concert on August 31 at 8:15 p.m.

Please see the complete TV schedule with the attached Booklet, also available as eBook with embedded video trailer to download on [www.unitelclassica.com](http://www.unitelclassica.com). For more information and impressions please also go to: [www.unitelclassica.com](http://www.unitelclassica.com)

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