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The Vienna Philharmonic and classical music streaming service IDAGIO announce partnership

First in a series of exclusive recordings to be made available on the streaming service features Christian Thielemann and the flautist Dieter Flury, in works by Bach, Brahms and Widmann.

VIENNA, 21st of March, 2018: **Classical music lovers can now audio-stream live recordings of the Vienna Philharmonic's famous subscription concerts at the Vienna Musikverein on IDAGIO.**

For music lovers outside Vienna, it is virtually impossible to listen to the Vienna Philharmonic's famous Philharmonic Subscription Concerts at the famous Golden Hall of the Musikverein. The hall, familiar world-wide from the Vienna Philharmonic's annual New Year's Concert, is renowned for its stunning acoustics; tickets for the Philharmonic Subscription Concerts, conducted by the world's greatest conductors, are regularly sold out. A new partnership between the Vienna Philharmonic and IDAGIO, the audio streaming service solely devoted to classical music, now makes selected concerts available for everybody. Music lovers around the world can enjoy these highlights anytime, anywhere with IDAGIO – on their mobile, on the web, and in lossless, CD-quality sound.

All the programmes are chosen by the Vienna Philharmonic, and the first exclusive release features the Farewell Concert to Dieter Flury, the orchestra's principal flute from 1981 to 2017. Conducted by Christian Thielemann, the performance was recorded live at the Musikverein in Vienna on 11 July 2017. The repertoire includes Jörg Widmann's "Flûte en suite" for flute and orchestra, as well as Johannes Brahms's Symphony No. 4 in E minor and "Academic Festival Overture". As an encore, Flury performs the Sarabande from Bach's Partita for Solo Flute BWV 1013.

Dieter Flury says about this memorable concert: *"This performance, the last in the long series of subscription concerts that I played in as a member of the Vienna Philharmonic, is characterized by tremendous gratitude. In Jörg Widmann's "Flûte en suite", I enjoyed the richness of sound and colour of the orchestral groups which Widmann lets speak so imaginatively with the solo flute, as much as Christian Thielemann's immediate, spontaneous music-making. As a soloist, I experienced his musical flair and sheer conducting skill more directly here than ever before: I'd barely imagined that making-music in the Goldener Saal could be as beautiful as this. My encore, the Sarabande from the*

Partita BWV 1013, is simply meant as a thank-you to Johann Sebastian Bach, who was the fundamental inspiration for Widmann's suite."

The Chairman of the Vienna Philharmonic, Daniel Froschauer, and Managing Director Michael Bladerer, said about the partnership with IDAGIO: *"The Vienna Philharmonic has made it its mission to bring the humanitarian message of music into the daily lives and consciousness of its listeners. Every concert we play reflects this. Our partnership with IDAGIO enables us to pursue this goal beyond the walls of the concert hall as well. Now we ourselves are able to share highlights of our subscription series directly with music lovers around the globe. With more than 2,200 of our recordings already available on IDAGIO, music lovers can now easily explore the recorded history of the Vienna Philharmonic as well."*

About IDAGIO

IDAGIO is the first streaming service dedicated to the needs of classical music. Unlike well-known all-genre services that are geared to the demands of pop, IDAGIO's database and search function are built from the ground up for classical music. IDAGIO's clean and clear interface offers a uniquely accurate search using the categories that matter: composer, work, soloist, conductor and more. Users, musicians and labels already recognise that IDAGIO has developed the very best interface for classical music.

Subscribers can access IDAGIO's comprehensive and ever-growing catalogue, alongside curated expert playlists and exclusive recordings, all available in CD-quality sound. IDAGIO is available for mobile (iOS, Android), desktop (macOS, Windows) and on web via idagio.com

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