

## Press Release

### Remarkable Art & Authentic Emotions Cultural Encounters in the Cities of Southwest Germany

STUTT GART - Classical music performed on world-renowned stages, interactive and immersive science exhibitions, innovative creative media art - Baden-Württemberg's cities showcase experiences where art comes to life and culture resonates. Dynamic, engaging, and intimately connected to its people, this is Southwest Germany at its most authentic.

#### **The Pforzheim Gasometer: Art within a Monument**

This listed gas boiler in Pforzheim is home to artist Yadegar Asisi's monumental 360° panorama. Covering 3,500 square metres, he has digitally merged photographs, drawings, sketches, and paintings to create one complete piece of work. The installation, printed onto fabric, spans the entire circular building and, thanks to its one-to-one scale, visitors can immerse themselves in the expansive images and journey to new worlds. His current work brings the jungles of the Amazon to the Black Forest, but Asisi's fans already eagerly await where his next artistic vision will take them.

[ws-pforzheim.de](http://ws-pforzheim.de); [gasometer-pforzheim.de/en](http://gasometer-pforzheim.de/en)

#### **Stuttgart State Opera House: A World-Renowned Stage**

A true architectural gem awaits in Stuttgart's Palace Gardens: the Stuttgart State Opera House. Found in the neoclassical 'Littmann Building' - one of the few historic landmarks to survive the Second World War largely unscathed - it is where musical excellence, visionary productions, and grand architecture come together. It is one of Europe's most celebrated opera houses, as well as being part of the continent's largest multi-genre theatre. Stuttgart State Opera House has also been named 'Opera House of the Year' multiple times.

[stuttgart-tourist.de/en](http://stuttgart-tourist.de/en); [staatsoper-stuttgart.de/en](http://staatsoper-stuttgart.de/en)

#### **Experimenta, Heilbronn: Immersive and Interactive Discovery**

The Experimenta rises like a glass and steel sculpture from the banks of the Neckar River in Heilbronn. The centrepiece of this striking building is its 'space spiral' which guides visitors through five levels of interactive experiences. Highlights include four themed worlds, nine laboratories, a makerspace and workshops, an experimental stage, an all-sky dome observatory, and of course, the Science Dome: a globally unique combination of planetarium and theatre that enables visitors to travel through space and time via live experimental shows and dome projections. It's a world of knowledge, education, and experience - a place that inspires participation.

[heilbronn.de](http://heilbronn.de); [experimenta.science/en](http://experimenta.science/en)

### **Heidelberg Castle: A Timeless Historic Treasure**

Perched high above the Neckar River, with views over its green banks and the charming historic old town, Heidelberg Castle is one of Baden-Württemberg's most iconic landmarks. Once a grand Renaissance residence and home to romantics, it now welcomes over one million visitors each year. Centuries of poets, painters, and travellers have drawn inspiration from the atmospheric ruins and their breathtaking setting, whilst the vast castle grounds invite visitors to pause, reflect, and escape the everyday. The 'Stückgarten' has its Elisabeth Gate, the Scheffel Terrace - tucked behind the gardens - offers unforgettable views, and the castle's sweeping panorama can even stretch as far as the Palatinate mountains on clear days.

[heidelberg-marketing.de/en](http://heidelberg-marketing.de/en); [schloss-heidelberg.de/en](http://schloss-heidelberg.de/en)

### **Mannheim National Theatre: Where Tradition Meets Innovation**

Opened in 1779, the Mannheim National Theatre has played a key role in Germany's theatrical heritage since the 1782 premiere of Schiller's, 'Die Räuber' (The Robbers). Today, this four-genre institution presents around 870 performances annually, attracting more than 165,000 guests. Hosting a diverse programme, including the innovative Mannheim City Ensemble - a group of local participants of all ages, backgrounds, genders, and native languages, who all contribute their own themes - Germany's oldest municipal theatre continues its legacy: as a stage for bold and socially engaged culture.

[visit-mannheim.de](http://visit-mannheim.de); [nationaltheater-mannheim.de](http://nationaltheater-mannheim.de)

### **The ROXY Cultural Centre, Ulm: Culture for All**

What began in the late 1980s as an alternative cultural project on a former factory site in Ulm has grown into one of southern Germany's largest socio-cultural centres: the ROXY. Today, it presents a dynamic programme of music, cabaret, theatre, literature, dance, and visual arts across four event halls. Open, creative, and well-connected - the ROXY stands for cultural diversity and participation. Its mission is not only to reach broad audiences, but also to promote artistic expression beyond the mainstream. In summer, the venue also comes alive outdoors, as the 'Soundgarten' transforms into a vibrant open-air restaurant with live music.

[tourismus.ulm.de/en](http://tourismus.ulm.de/en); [roxy.ulm.de](http://roxy.ulm.de)

### **Freiburg City Museums: Stone Age to Modern Day**

One city, five museums - culture lovers are spoilt for choice in Freiburg where they can journey through the region's history, art, and identity along a timeline stretching from ancient artefacts to contemporary works. The Colombischlössle Archaeological Museum features Palaeolithic female figurines and finds from Celtic and Roman eras. The Augustinian Museum showcases masterpieces from the Middle Ages to the 19th century. The Museum of Modern Art focuses on art from the 20th and 21st centuries. The Museum of Nature and Man explores the region's geology and natural habitats. And, from

2025, the Documentation Centre for National Socialism has provided a powerful space to engage with Nazi-era history.

[fwtm.freiburg.de](http://fwtm.freiburg.de); [museen.freiburg.de](http://museen.freiburg.de)

### **Baden-Baden Festival Hall: Extravagant Acoustics**

International stars and leading orchestras regularly take the stage at Baden-Baden's Festival Hall - Germany's largest opera house and concert hall. Boasting 2,500 seats and world-class acoustics, this impressive venue also charms guests with its unique yet magnificent entrance - a former neoclassical railway station. It's a place where architecture, music, and fine dining combine to create a truly memorable experience. Where train tickets were once sold, guests now collect tickets to world-renowned performances, and the auditorium itself rises above former railway tracks. The Festival Hall's restaurant, AIDA, serves gourmet cuisine under stucco ceilings and crystal chandeliers - all inspired by star chef, Harald Wohlfahrt.

[baden-baden.com/en](http://baden-baden.com/en); [festspielhaus.de/en](http://festspielhaus.de/en)

### **ZKM, Karlsruhe: Media Art Meets the Future**

The Center for Art and Media in Karlsruhe (ZKM) is truly one of a kind. Since 1989, this former munition factory has become a vibrant hub for experimentation, research, programming, and education. As a world-leading institution at the crossroads of art, science, technology, and society, ZKM offers a unique space for innovation in the digital age. Visitors can explore interactive media art, immersive large-scale installations, and cutting-edge experiments using artificial intelligence which all bring the future to life. In addition, exhibitions and virtual experiences, along with concerts and symposia, invite guests to engage with today's social and technological challenges from fresh perspectives.

[karlsruhe-erleben.de/en](http://karlsruhe-erleben.de/en); [zkm.de/en](http://zkm.de/en)

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