

Discovery – Sharing Music with Young audiences

Discovery – the format of Gstaad Menuhin Festival & Academy when it comes to conveying music. Attractively designed for children and young people.

Already for the fifth time since 2017, Gstaad Menuhin Festival addresses children and young people with a broad range of activities and concerts. Apart from the traditional family concert, Discovery provides various offers like playful workshops as well as guided attendances to rehearsals and performances. Attentive listening, meetings with top musicians and musical experiments facilitate unique experiences. Wit, knowledge and fascination take the young audience to the magical world of classical music. Discovery makes classical music come alive and thus offers opportunities for cultivating the musical sense!

Children can participate in the activities “Curiosity Workshop” and “Vacation Fun” for free. Against payment of only 10 Swiss francs, youths may enjoy the “Teens go concert” range. Those who come from Saanenland, Obersimmental or Pays-d’Enhaut can also attend these activities for free. The workshops are held in German and English.

The entire Discovery range can only be realized thanks to the generous support of patrons, foundations and sponsors.

Curiosity Workshop (4 - 6 years)

At the Curiosity Workshop, children attended by their parents can enjoy classical music in a familiar atmosphere. They will be able to listen to musical pieces played by a chamber music ensemble, take a close look at the instruments, and interact with the musicians. A fanciful story leads them through the event and inspire their creativity. Dancing to the music, singing, moving within space... all of this is possible here!

Vacation Fun (7 - 12 years)

Each of this year’s “Vacation Fun” workshops is directly related to one selected concert/rehearsal of the Gstaad Menuhin Festival. Topic-wise the workshops which last two to three hours have been adapted to the respective concerts. This range is thus perfect for families who wish to attend the show together: While the adults can enjoy the performance at ease, the children will be attended by our music mediator and prepared by her for the respective concert’s thematic content. After taking a look behind the scenes during the intermission or paying a visit to the musicians, the second part of the show will be attended mutually. Most of the events can also be booked through various regional holiday pass offers.

Teens go concert (12 years and up)

With this event, the Festival intends to specifically address teenagers. Five carefully selected concerts have been scheduled for this category and can be attended by teenagers aged at least 12 years for 10 Swiss francs only.

Included is a 45-minute introduction to the concert suited for youths, which takes place before the show, beverages in the break, and a look behind the scenes. This frequently provides the exclusive opportunity to get to talk to the musicians, ask them to sign an autograph or take a selfie ...

@school (for school and summer camps)

The "Stars in the Classroom" program addresses schools in the region and invites them to attend the shows performed at the Gstaad Festival Tent as classes. All of the concerts taking place in the Gstaad Festival Tent are played by international orchestras and super stars and provide sufficient content for extensive preparation throughout the lessons. If possible, we also arrange for artists to visit the respective students in their classroom. Upon request, we provide a dossier that can be used to prepare the students for the concert. This is an "à la carte"-event adapted to meet the interests of music-oriented young people!

Likewise, Discovery is also intended for holiday and summer camps. Upon request, workshops that take place during rehearsals or shows can be «customized» to respective groups.

Children and Family Concert

Every year, selected concerts are held for children and families. Emphasis is placed on offering an interactive music education project, involving children in workshops and performances.

Protection concept Discovery

The health of our audience, our artists and our team remains our top priority for the 2021 Festival. Taking advantage of the experience gained in implementing the protection concept for our 2020 Pop-up Festival, we are developing, in collaboration with health experts and the authorities, comprehensive protection measures for the summer of 2021.

More information on the webpage of the Festival and in the separate Discovery brochure.

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