

Stockhausen-Konzerte und -Kurse Kürten 2010

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To all
Participants of the
Stockhausen Concerts and Courses Kürten
2010

Important general information

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Dear participants of this year *Stockhausen Concerts and Courses Kürten*!

As mentioned in the confirmation of your admittance to the courses, I would like to give you some important information before your journey to Kürten.

Arrival

Arrival at the *Stockhausen Concerts and Courses Kürten 2010* should be planned between July 29th and 30th. The organisation office, located at the school, will be open on **July 29th and 30th between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. (phone: +49-(0)2268/913636)**. I kindly ask you to personally register there as you will then receive the necessary materials and information for participation for the courses. Moreover you will be accompanied by car to your lodging.

Please inform me by **June 27th** at the latest of your approximate time of arrival, so that I can inform your accommodation (your arrival time at the airport is sufficient). It is really important, that I am informed about your arrival hour, because on July 29th and 30th we will close the organisation office at 8 p.m. Please note the information about public transportation schedules for travel from the airports near Kürten (Düsseldorf, Cologne/Bonn, Frankfurt) to Cologne central station and from there to Kürten on our homepage www.stockhausen.org/stockhausen_courses.html. Please also note, that if you are travelling to Kürten by bus, you need to get off at the stop **WALDMÜHLE**. There you find signs to the school yard, where the courses will take place. Up to **July 29th** you can call my cell phone **(+49-(0)171-1849023)** in urgent situations.

Lodging

Almost all of the participants will be residing in Kürten. You have indicated preferences concerning lodging – private, apartment, or hotel – on your application form for the courses. Either by ordinary mail or by eMail you will receive personal information soon, which will have the name, address and telephone number of your lodging, if it has already been assigned. If it has not yet been assigned, you will receive this information upon your arrival in Kürten. It is especially important for those who will be living in an apartment or with a host family to immediately report to the organisation office upon arriving in Kürten.

Please do not go to your lodging independently.

Although I have done my best to respect all of your wishes, it was not always possible – due to the limited amount of private lodging available – to conform to the wishes concerning private lodging. I apologise in case your wish could not be respected. If you do not feel comfortable, we will, of course, try to find a new solution in Kürten.

If you are staying in a private lodging, please bear in mind that you are the guest in a family and that your host will associate you with the Stockhausen Courses. Therefore please practice normal courtesy and for instance inform the families when you will be out late, etc.

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Unfortunately, the lodgings in Kürten are quite spread out and not always reachable using public transportation. That's why it would be helpful if those participants who are coming by car could form car pools to help with the morning transportation from the lodgings to the school and the evening transportation back to the lodgings following the concerts. Of course this concerns only participants who cannot walk to the school or use public transportation because of the distance. The *Stockhausen Foundation for Music* will also have few vehicles at its disposal to assist with transportation.

Meals

Fortunately there will be a local restaurant in the school this year again. In addition to this there are several other restaurants in Kürten, some grocery stores and a bakery.

Paying in Kürten

Please keep in mind that Kürten is a very small, rural community. Many hosts and shopkeepers cannot accept EC- or Credit cards. However, there are two banks and a post office in Kürten where you can get cash during office hours (**Kreissparkasse Kuerten**: Monday to Wednesday 9:00 a.m.–1:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m., Thursday 9:00 a.m.–1:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m.–1:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m., Saturday closed / **Raiffeisenbank Kuerten**: Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m.–12:30 a.m., Monday and Thursday 2:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday 2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m., Friday 2:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m., Saturday closed / **Post office** in the shop **Molitor**: Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m.–1:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m., Saturday 8:30 a.m.–1:00 a.m.). Outside office hours you can use the EC-automates if your customer or credit card usually works on these. In past years there have repeatedly been problems with the compatibility between American money cards and German ATM machines. DAC Crowell, a former participant, describes how to handle this problem in a text published on the Stockhausen homepage in its entirety (http://www.stockhausen.org/courses_daccrowll.html). Please pay your hosts before leaving Kürten. It may well be in some cases that your hosts – especially owners of apartments – ask you to pay a share of your rent or the total sum in advance. Please be prepared to do so on your arrival day.

A typical day at the courses

In the programme book for the courses – which each of you will receive upon registration in Kürten – there is a detailed timetable for each day. Today I've send you the current timetable to your information aswell.

In addition, there will be a special room where participants may view all **Stockhausen-Videos** of the *Stockhausen Foundation for Music*. As in past years, it will be possible not only to buy the **scores, CDs and books** but also to study them in a shop of the *Stockhausen-Verlag* installed on campus.

Any changes and additions to the daily schedule will be posted at the organisation office which is centrally located in the school. The organisation office will always be open for assistance during the courses. Furthermore here the keys for the practice rooms are handed out, as in the past.

Special information for interpreters

As mentioned above, on **Saturday July 31st** all participating interpreters meet with their teachers for a first audition. At that time, the schedules will be fixed. Several interpreters among you will be chosen to perform in the participant concerts. Therefore, please bring a short curriculum vitae with you and concert dress or costume for the pieces which you hope to perform.

To the end of the courses the faculty will present three prizes to participants who, in their opinion, gave the best performance of Stockhausen works during a participants' concert. The programming of the participants' concerts depends on the level of performance demonstrated in the master classes and the faculty's preferences concerning the combination of works in the concerts.

It is possible to practice in the school daily from **9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.** After that, the school is closed. Therefore, please adhere to these hours and be careful not to forget personal belongings in the practice rooms. Each of the wind instrumentalists will be assigned a **practice room**. There are limited facilities for

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the pianists and percussionists. For these rooms keys will be handed out at the organisation office.

Hopefully, the above information will facilitate your planning and journey to Kürten. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me. I am very much looking forward to welcome you soon at the *Stockhausen Concerts and Courses Kürten 2010*.

Best regards,
Lars Wolf