

***Stockhausen-Konzerte und -Kurse Kürten 2011***  
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**Important general information**

June 24th 2011

Dear participants,

We are very pleased that you will be participating in the *Stockhausen Concerts and Courses Kürten 2011*.

As mentioned in the confirmation of your admittance to the courses, we would like to give you some important information before you travel to Kürten, in order to make your journey to and stay in Kürten as pleasant as possible.

**Arrival**

As soon as you arrive in Kürten, please come directly to the organisation office of the courses on the grounds of the school (Olpenestr. 4, 51515 Kürten). There you will receive important material and information and you will be driven to your lodging.

The organisation office (contact people: Marvin Voormann or Anna Braun) will be open already on **August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. (phone: 0049-(0)2268 / 913636)**.

Please inform Marvin Voormann (marvin@stockhausen-stiftung.de) as soon as possible of your approximate time of arrival. 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 is included with this letter. It can also be viewed at [www.stockhausen.org/stockhausen\\_courses.html](http://www.stockhausen.org/stockhausen_courses.html).

Please note that if you are travelling to Kürten by bus, you need to get off at the stop **WALDMÜHLE**. There you will find signs pointing to the school grounds, where the courses will take place.

In emergencies you may call Marvin Voormann, who is in charge of communication with participants (cell phone: 0049-(0)1578-691-5096, home: 02207 / 9199918) or Gisela Meder, who is in charge of the lodging and transportation of participants in Kürten ( cell phone: 0049-(0)152-590-58332, home: 02207 / 4092).

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### **Lodging**

Almost all of the participants will be residing in Kürten, and on your application form for the courses you have indicated your preferences concerning lodging.

By email or normal mail you will soon be receiving the name, address, telephone number and – if appropriate – the price of your lodging. But please do not go to your lodging until you have gone to the organisation office upon your arrival in Kürten.

In a few cases, your lodging has not yet been assigned. In that case, you will receive this information upon your arrival in Kürten.

Although we have done our best to respect all of your wishes, this was not always possible. But if you do not feel comfortable in the lodging we have assigned to you, we will – of course – try to find a different solution.

Please pay your lodging in cash before your departure. In some cases your hosts – especially owners of apartments – may ask you to pay part of your rent or the total amount in advance.

Participants who cannot walk to the school, use public transportation, or are not assigned to a participants' car pool will be driven to the school in the mornings and back at night by our staff and volunteers.

As previously said, the person responsible for the participants' lodging and transportation in Kürten is Gisela Meder (gisela.meder@web.de), who you can contact for further information.

### **Meals**

As usual, there will be an Italian restaurant set up in the school again this year, which offers a very reasonably-priced lunch for both vegetarians and non-vegetarians. In addition to this there are several other restaurants in Kürten, some grocery stores and a bakery.

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### **Paying in Kürten**

Please keep in mind that Kürten is a very small, rural community. Many restaurants and shops do not 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 Foto 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 of business hours you can use the ATMs (automatic teller machine). In past years there have been some 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 ([http://www.stockhausen.org/courses\\_daccrowll.html](http://www.stockhausen.org/courses_daccrowll.html)).

### **A typical day at the courses**

In the programme book for the courses – which each of you will receive upon arrival at the organisation office – there is a detailed time-table for each day. It can be viewed soon at [www.stockhausen.org](http://www.stockhausen.org)

In addition, there is a room where participants may view all Stockhausen **videos** of the *Stockhausen Foundation for Music*, and it will be possible not only to purchase all Stockhausen **scores, CDs, books and DVDs** but also to study them in a shop of the *Stockhausen-Verlag* 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. Keys for practice rooms and the video room may be obtained there.

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For a small fee, **wireless internet** may be used in the foyer next to the organisation office.

**Important information for interpreters**

On **Saturday, August 6th**, all participating interpreters will have an audition. Several among you will be chosen by the faculty to perform in the participants concerts. Therefore, please bring a short curriculum vitae with you and concert dress or costume for the pieces which you hope to perform. You could also send your cv to us per email.

At the end of the courses, the faculty will present prizes to participants who, in their opinion, performed the best during the participants' concerts. 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.

The practice rooms for the pianists and percussionists are locked. Keys for these rooms may be obtained at the organisation office.

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Hopefully, the above information will facilitate your planning and journey to Kürten.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact us.

**Could you please confirm that you have received this letter (marvin@stockhausen-stiftung.de)?**

We are very much looking forward to greeting you in August in Kürten.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Stephens