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Our Main Sponsors support Lucerne Festival as long-term partners, fostering the development and realization of distinctive artistic concepts. Together, we create unique projects – and unforgettable musical experiences.

The non-profit **Kühne Foundation** has supported Lucerne Festival since 2008 and has served as a Main Sponsor since 2020. At the center of this long-standing partnership are the Summer Festival and support for the Lucerne Festival Orchestra. Classical music projects form the core focus of the Foundation's cultural engagement, which also includes support for other leading cultural institutions.

Roche is a Main Sponsor of the Summer Festival and a Partner of the Lucerne Festival Academy. Through the “Roche Commissions” and “Roche Young Commissions” initiatives, Roche awards alternating composition commissions each year. Liza Lim's *Tongue of the Land* will receive its world premiere in the summer of 2026, performed by the Lucerne Festival Contemporary Orchestra (LFCO).

UBS is a long-standing and close Partner of Lucerne Festival. The company serves as a Main Sponsor of the Summer Festival as well as Presenting Partner of the popular public-viewing event “Lakeside Symphony.” Additionally, UBS is actively committed to supporting young talent in classical music. The “UBS Young Artist Award,” conferred every two years, recognizes particularly promising musicians.

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Lucerne Festival Friends is an international circle of music lovers who support Lucerne Festival, both personally and financially. They share a passion for outstanding musical quality and are inspired by the unique Festival experience in Lucerne.

Lucerne Festival Friends combines the enjoyment of music with personal exchange and long-term commitment to one of the world's leading classical music festivals. Members gain exclusive insights into artistic processes, have an opportunity to meet musicians and other artistic figures, and experience the Festival up close – in and beyond the concert hall.

Membership as a Lucerne Festival Friend includes:

- priority ticket booking and personalized ticket service
- invitations to exclusive events
- rehearsal visits and artist talks
- access to the Friends Lounge during the Summer Festival
- one cultural and music excursion per year
- special offers for Young Friends up to age 35

Additional information can be found at: www.lucernefestival.ch/en/friends

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