

Date to be announced later  
KKL Luzern

## Friends Event Forward Festival

New sounds and several new programmatic features await you at our autumn festival for contemporary music. Look forward to unusual, ear-opening listening experiences, to Jörg Widmann, and to the young musicians of the Lucerne Festival Contemporary Orchestra (LFCO)!



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**SPRING**  
27. – 29.03.2026

**PULSE**  
08. – 17.05.2026

**SUMMER**  
13.08. – 13.09.2026

**FORWARD**  
20. – 22.11.2026

**We look forward  
to sharing a  
wonderful festival  
season with you!**

We are happy to help with any questions:

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**LUCERNE  
FESTIVAL  
FRIENDS**



**EVENTS**  
**2026**



**Mon 26.01.2026**

17.00 | St. Charles Hall, Meggen

## Summer Preview 2026

Together with his team, our new Executive Director Sebastian Nordmann will present the main themes and highlights of the Summer program 2026. Among those taking part are “artiste étoile” Augustin Hadelich and Jörg Widmann, the new Director of the Lucerne Festival Academy. With musical surprises and an apéro riche.

**Sun 29.03.2026**

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## Friends Event Spring

Experience masterpieces by Beethoven and Mendelssohn with the Lucerne Festival Orchestra, Riccardo Chailly and the young violin virtuoso Emmanuel Tjeknavorian. After the concert you will have the opportunity to connect with the artists.

**Sun 17.05.2026**

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## Friends Event Pulse

Víkingur Ólafsson plays, among other works, the famous F minor Piano Concerto by Johann Sebastian Bach. On the podium you will experience Maestra Elim Chan. After the concert we will meet the exceptional pianist and his artistic collaborators.



# SUMMER EVENTS

**Fri 14.08.2026**

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## Opening Night of the Summer Festival

Don't miss the glittering festival opening: with jazzy harmonies and rousing rhythms we will ring in the Lucerne Music Summer 2026 — and in the orchestra a wide range of percussion instruments will create plenty of excitement. In keeping with this year's festival motto “American Dreams”, music by George Gershwin, Steve Reich and Charles Ives will be performed. Riccardo Chailly and the Lucerne Festival Orchestra meet the young pianist Frank Dupree.

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**Sat 22.08.2026**

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## Patrons' Event

What a magnificent festival evening! Star violinist Ray Chen performs the lush Violin Concerto by Erich Wolfgang Korngold. Then we head for the heights: Jakub Hruša conducts the Lucerne Festival Orchestra in Richard Strauss's An Alpine Symphony. With its vast orchestral forces, it portrays a mountain ascent — hunting horns and cowbells, waterfalls and storms included. We will round off the evening together with the orchestra's musicians.

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**Sun 13.09.2026**

KKL Luzern, Luzerner Saal

## Festival-End-Dinner

As a thank-you for your commitment to Lucerne Festival, the Cantonal and City Councils of Lucerne once again invite you to their joint Festival Closing Dinner. Enjoy a culinary treat — and exchange views on the highlights and discoveries of the 2026 music summer!

## Rehearsal Visits

This year again gives you an opportunity to attend orchestra rehearsals. These rehearsal visits at the KKL Luzern will be supplemented by hosted talks with artists. Dates to be announced later.

