

ALTO ADIGE FESTIVAL / FESTIVAL DOLOMITES – 15 Years of Sound Art in the Mountains

A Cultural Anniversary in Dobbiaco

For 15 years, the Festival Dolomites has enchanted music lovers with a remarkable variety of sounds and an unmistakable international flair.

A music festival with heart, vision, and goosebumps guaranteed

What began in 2010 as a bold idea by Maestro Gustav Kuhn and the Haydn Orchestra of Bolzano and Trento has become a shining star in South Tyrol's cultural sky: Every late summer, the Alto Adige Festival / Festival Dolomites transforms the Gustav Mahler Hall in Dobbiaco into a vibrant sounding board for music in all its shades – from the depth of classical music to the creativity of contemporary sound art, and the freedom of jazz.

Visionaries like M° Kuhn, M° Spini, and Dr. Hubert Stuppner have brought major international names to Dobbiaco: Ludovico Einaudi, NAIR, the Gustav Mahler Youth Orchestra, the German Federal Youth Orchestra, the Orchestra da Camera di Mantova, The Sweet Alps, and many more. Unforgettable conductors such as Jeffrey Tate, Daniele Gatti, and Zubin Mehta – and world-renowned soloists like Stefano Bollani, Erika Pluhar, Maurizio Pollini, Ute Lemper, Martin Grubinger, and others have graced the stage.

The Festival Dolomites is much more than a stage – it is a place of encounter, inspiration, and shared wonder. It attracts an audience eager to listen, feel, and be part of the experience – with open hearts and attentive ears.

Special thanks go to our long-standing president Christian Gartner, his dedicated collaborators Hanspeter Fuchs and Philipp Moser, and to Dr. Josef Duregger for his curatorial imprint on exhibitions featuring artists like Annemarie Laner, Christian Stecher, Will-ma Kammerer, Julia Bornefeld, and Friedrich Feichter.

Today, the Festival is artistically led by Christoph Bösch (CH) and Josef Feichter (I) – and has evolved into an event that combines sonic brilliance, stylistic openness, and emotional intensity.

To mark its 15th anniversary in 2025, a true musical firework awaits: the legendary Kremerata Baltica, a vibrant jazz weekend, the breathtaking live score performance of the silent film *Nosferatu*, and celebrated artists like Salut Salon and the captivating pianist Schaghajegh Nosrati.

Stay tuned – and we look forward to welcoming you!