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# FESTIVALENSEMBLE STUTTGART 2009

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3<sup>rd</sup> newsletter, August 2009

Dear Musicians,

This is the final - and longest - of our information sheets to you before we begin our rehearsal period at Lake Constance. With this "info sheet" we want to give you some useful hints for a problem-free arrival in Germany as well as some basic advice concerning our schedule, communal living, and rehearsals. Upon arrival in Überlingen you'll receive a printed brochure with complete details.

## **ARRIVAL DATE AUGUST 12**

All those of you who are traveling to Germany by airplane have been sent your ticket or the booking confirmation / information already. We've put a list on the internet ([http://www.festivalensemble.org/2009/pdf/res\\_codes.pdf](http://www.festivalensemble.org/2009/pdf/res_codes.pdf)) with your reservation codes so you can check again for your flight details. Due to the economic situation many airlines have cancelled some flights so passengers have to be rerouted to other flights etc - **we strongly suggest you to check for any changes or be in contact with your airline a couple of days before your departure!** We will not inform you from our side again - please make sure you have the latest itinerary.

### **Frankfurt airport arrivals:**

after collecting your baggage find your way to "DB Fernbahnhof" and catch your connecting train to Stuttgart.

### **Stuttgart airport arrivals:**

after collecting your baggage please **come to the "MEETING POINT" in Terminal 1, arrivals area.** You will be met by our colleague **Rita Rupp - cell phone +49.176.51 18 48 99** from the Bachakademie and showed to the transfer bus to Überlingen.

### **Stuttgart main station arrivals:**

In Stuttgart main station (Hauptbahnhof) please find my colleague **Irene Baldin - cell phone +49.1520.250 90 60** - who is waiting at the "**Service Point**", located on the same level as arriving trains, near McDonald's. If you cannot see her there please don't run away, she'll be back soon... She will direct you to the bus that transfers you to Überlingen.

Our colleagues will be your contact persons for all of you passing through Stuttgart main station or airport on that day August 12<sup>th</sup>. Please have their mobile phone numbers with you and call either Rita or Irene in case you're delayed or something happens on the way.

The bus ride from Stuttgart airport to Überlingen is about 2-3 hours – please be patient even if you have to wait for a while as we will be grouping flight / train arrivals.

**Train:** FES members travelling by train must book their own train tickets and should best arrive between 12:00 and 18:00 in *Überlingen* (station name: *Überlingen Busbahnhof*) where we will pick you up. We will reimburse your travel expenses after arrival. **Please use the form on our webpage ([https://media.bachakademie.de/media/form/2009/fes/data\\_roomingform.htm](https://media.bachakademie.de/media/form/2009/fes/data_roomingform.htm)) to inform us on your arrival time and train number.** In case you cannot open the form please inform us **by email** on your arrival time.

**Others:** FES members who have made their travel arrangements for themselves or who are traveling to Germany / Europe days or weeks early will have to catch a train to *Überlingen* or join the bus group from Stuttgart station / airport to Salem College. **If you plan to join the bus group, please inform us very soon and make sure to be ready at the Stuttgart airport before 2pm on August 12th.**

**Brass, Timpani, Flutes and Clarinets who are not playing in Händel's MESSIAH: Your standard arrival day is August 14 early afternoon. Please check your arrival times with us so we can pick you up at the station, if necessary. Your first rehearsal will be at 4:30pm so please make sure you are there in time.**

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## OUR FIRST DAYS TOGETHER

All FES members will receive upon arrival:

- a FES brochure with detailed information on rehearsal schedules, guidelines how to make the best out of your time plus travel, hotel and other general information
- your name badge
- the first “pocket money” payment of EUR 100,- - Further payments will be made in Stuttgart.
- Snacks and an evening meal will be available.

Work starts on Thursday, August 13th with a greeting to all in the main hall at 9:30. Afterwards musicians will begin the studies in groups with their respective professors.

## CHOIR DIVISI

Kathy Romey who some weeks ago prepared the Oregon Bach Festival Choir for the huge success of the Sandström World Premiere has written a list with tentative Choir Divisi for this piece. We must stress that this is really tentative, meaning, it will have to be “verified” in the first rehearsals.

What we ask you is to take a close look and prepare the voice that’s listed for you in the list ([http://www.festivalensemble.org/2009/pdf/Choir\\_Divisi\\_tentative.pdf](http://www.festivalensemble.org/2009/pdf/Choir_Divisi_tentative.pdf)). Still be aware that this can be changed in some cases.

## DAILY SCHEDULE – QUICK OVERVIEW

The following is only a quick overview. You’ll get full details about everything in our brochure upon arrival.

08:15-09:00	Breakfast (in Härten & Spetzgart)
09:30-11:00	Rehearsals
11:00-11:15	Coffee break (in Härten & Spetzgart)
11:30-13:00	Rehearsals
13:00-14:30	Lunch
16:00-16:15	Coffee and cakes (in Spetzgart & Härten)
16:30-19:30	Rehearsals
19:30-20:45	Evening meal

after dinner - special rehearsals for a cappella or chamber music

**!IMPORTANT!** Rehearsal times and places can be changed at very short notice through the organisation. Always check with your professor or the Festival Office or look at the black board. Published rehearsal times must be respected of course...

## CONCERTS and TICKETS

**Weblinks to Kloster Eberbach and European Music Festival:**

- [Kloster Eberbach](#) (tickets: phone +49.1805/74 34 64) --> officially the concerts are sold out, but why not give it a try...

- [Musikfest Stuttgart](#) (tickets: phone +49.711/61921-61)

- Franziskanerkirche Überlingen (tickets: phone +49.7553.974-1523)

Please note that we cannot organise tickets for these concerts for your friends and relatives.

## HOUSE RULES

There are 3 things – in addition to mutual respect and tolerance to all your fellow colleagues, musicians and staff - we specifically ask you to keep in mind:

- **Alcohol:** drinking beer and wine is tolerated as long as this does not affect your health and your ability to rehearse nor disrupts the life of others. Do not party all night and next day turn up late or miss rehearsals! Those unable to control their alcohol consumption on repeated occasions will be asked to leave the ensemble.

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- **Smoking:** smoking is strictly prohibited indoors! Most rooms are equipped with highly sensitive smoke alarms – do not set them off! You are free to smoke outside but don't drop your cigarette ends all over the place and especially not in the woods nearby for danger of starting a fire - bush fire risk is extremely high in summer!

There is also a total smoking ban on all group travels and transfers. **bad news for smokers - federal law:** smoking is now prohibited in all public buildings such as restaurants, schools, discotheques, also trains, train stations buses etc... even bars...

- **Partying:** you are welcome to celebrate as long as you observe the rules:

- don't disturb those who want - and need! - to get some sleep and

- make sure you are in good condition the next day for rehearsals.

- in general all raucous partying, singing and dancing must be over by 10 pm – afterwards you must turn the volume down and respect others – use your common sense! We are not the only residents there.

## COMPUTERS / INTERNET

Computer rooms in Härten and Spetzgart are equipped with computers and a printer which all members of the FES can use free of charge. You can read and send your personal emails - we recommend you have your own internet-accessible email account with hotmail, gmail or similar. For all others who want to stay in touch we have our general email account where people can write to you if you haven't got a private email: [festivalensemble@backakademie.de](mailto:festivalensemble@backakademie.de) - the subject must be: "for xxx yyy" where "xxx" is your first name and "yyy" is your last name. Messages received this way will be printed out and distributed to you.

We will not have our own (très chique) APPLE computers in Stuttgart this summer - sorry!

## "ON THE ROAD".....

Generally please don't forget:

- be punctual for all departures when we are traveling together

- it is **your** responsibility to bring your music, instrument and concert clothes

- be patient when we board buses and also at hotel check-ins. There are many of us, so things take their time. Don't get grumpy – be happy and smile!

We try to make everything run as smooth as possible but things happen... We're there to help you but in turn please help us and each other.

## ACCOMMODATION

In Überlingen most of you will be accommodated in double rooms in the Spetzgart or Härten buildings. Don't forget to bring a torch for night-time walks between Härten and Spetzgart and also **bring rain clothes for bad weather.**

A rooming list will be pinned on the blackboard. If you know already whom you would like to share your room with please write in the form (see link above) on our website if you haven't done so already.

**Hotels in Stuttgart.** We will be staying in 3 hotels in Stuttgart. A rooming list for hotels in Stuttgart will be published on the black board in Überlingen.

Hotel Royal / Sophienstrasse 35 / D-70178 Stuttgart  
phone: +49.711.625050 / Fax: +49.711.628809

Hotel Unger / Kronenstrasse 17 / D-70173 Stuttgart  
phone: +49.711.20990 / Fax: +49.711.2099-100

International Student's Hotel / Neckarstraße 172 / D- 70190 Stuttgart  
phone: +49.711. 414300 / Fax: +49.711. 41430299



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## **RETURN HOME**

Except for those of you who made their own travel plans or who are going to extend their stay in Germany / Europe, you will be returning home the day after our last recording session from Stuttgart. Most of you will be flying from Stuttgart Airport. The airport is half an hour from the center by S-Bahn. We will provide you with tickets or money for the S-Bahn so you can go to the airport on your own or in groups.

We will inform you in detail during our time together in Überlingen or Stuttgart.

If you have further questions we are available in Stuttgart until August 8 and in Überlingen starting from August 12 at the office numbers above – the best way to reach us these days is on our mobile phones.

We are looking forward to see you soon  
- have a good trip!

**Tobias & all Festivalensemble staff**