

TOP 3 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY



The history of the Oberammergau Passion Play starts in 1633. In the middle of the Thirty Years' War, after years of suffering and dying of the plague, the people of Oberammergau vowed to enact the »play of the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ« every ten years. At Pentecost 1634, they fulfilled their promise for the first time.

Even in the middle ...

Even in the middle of the 18th century, spectators travelled from all parts of Germany to Oberammergau, attracted by the great power and charisma of the Play. Nowadays, the Oberammergau Passion Play is considered one of the most important religious and cultural events in Germany and listed as intangible cultural heritage by the UNESCO.

The Staging

Play director Christian Stückl and his team will stage the Play for the 4th time. The stage and costume designer Stefan Hageneier redesigned the stage of the Passion Play Theatre for the production, conceptualized the scenery and the 12 Living Images (tableaux vivants) and created new costumes for the 2,000 actors. The workshops of the theatre have been working on the implementation of the designs for more than a year.

The musical director Markus Zwick has revised parts of the passion music and also composed new pieces of music for the Passion Play 2022, which will be performed by the hundred strong choir and the orchestra.

Staging II.

Director Christian Stückl comprehensively edited the text for the next Passion Play in recent months and continues so until 2022. In the tradition of the Passion Play, the passion story of Jesus has always been the focus of the performance. Already in the past Passion Plays, director Stückl put a greater focus on the message and the life of Jesus of Nazareth. This will be further extended in the 2022 Passion Play and Stückl especially highlights the social aspects in Jesus' message. Jesus' work on the margins of society, his commitment to the forgotten, the displaced and the poor, forms the centre of the production.

Tickets and Information

The Passion Play Oberammergau takes place from 14 May until 2 October 2022. Tickets only and packages with accommodation and ticket (so-called arrangements) are available online: www.passionplay-oberammergau.com or via phone: +49 (0)8822 835 93 30 (Monday-Friday: 9am-5pm CET).

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