

Virginia Arts Festival presents
Vienna Boys Choir
Christmas in Vienna
Three Performances



Wednesday, December 18, 2019
Co-presented with the Modlin Center for the Arts, University of Richmond
Richmond's First Baptist Church, Richmond
7:30 PM

Friday, December 20, 2019
Harrison Opera House, Norfolk
7:30 PM

Saturday, December 21, 2019
Colonial Williamsburg Lodge, Virginia Room, Williamsburg
7:30 PM

Vienna Boys Choir returns to Virginia Arts Festival with three chances to celebrate the holiday season! The illustrious group of child musicians has been delighting music lovers across the globe for six centuries with their purity of tone, distinctive charm and popular repertoire. The program, titled "Christmas in Vienna," showcases these gifted musicians with voices of unforgettable beauty in an extraordinary program featuring Austrian folk songs, classical masterpieces, popular songs and, of course, holiday favorites.

Tickets to see Vienna Boys Choir are \$28-\$85 and may be purchased online at www.vafest.org, by phone at 757-282-2822 or by visiting the Virginia Arts Festival box office located at 440 Bank Street in Norfolk Monday-Friday, 10 am – 5 pm. Tickets for the December 18 performance are also available in person at the Modlin Center Box Office located at 453 Westhampton Way in Richmond, Monday-Friday, 10 am – 5 pm.

The traditions of this acclaimed ensemble are worth noting. With a rich history dating back more than 500 years, the Vienna Boys Choir has been associated with many of the world's greatest composers, including Mozart and Bruckner; Haydn and Schubert were themselves choristers when they were young. Centuries after their founding, the Choir maintains the tradition of Vienna's Imperial Chapel, still providing music for Sunday mass as they have done since 1498.

Today, there are 100 choristers between the ages of ten and fourteen from 31 nations, divided into four touring groups. Altogether, the four choirs give as many as 300 concerts and performances each year, reaching half a million people throughout Europe, Asia, Australia and the Americas.

The Festival will present the world-renowned Vienna Boys Choir in three performances: Wednesday, December 18 at Richmond's First Baptist Church, Friday, December 20 at Norfolk's Harrison Opera House, and Saturday, December 21 at the Williamsburg's Virginia Room, Williamsburg Lodge.

About the Virginia Arts Festival

Since 1997, the **Virginia Arts Festival** has transformed the cultural scene in southeastern Virginia, presenting great performers from around the world to local audiences and making this historic, recreation-rich region a cultural destination for visitors from across the United States and around the world. The Festival has presented numerous U.S. and regional premieres, and regularly commissions new works of music, dance, and theater from some of today's most influential composers, choreographers and playwrights. The Festival's arts education programs reach tens of thousands of area schoolchildren each year through student matinees, in-school performances, artists' residencies, master classes and demonstrations.

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