

Leipzig Theaters -- Bach's International City Of Classical Music

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As the hometown of none other than Johannes Sebastian Bach, it is natural that the Leipzig theater scene has a vibrant and long tradition of musical culture.

But he is not the only musical genius to grace the city with his presence. From Felix Mendelssohn to the world-famous St. Thomas Boys' Choir, Leipzig is indeed an international music mecca.

Opera House

The Leipzig Opera House (Augustusplatz 12) has been well-known for its wide variety of music and culture since 1693, making it Germany's second oldest. This Leipzig theater has twice received the "European Opera House of the Year" award.

This tradition of excellence means that today you can visit and see a ballet, opera, a children's choral performance, or even a musical comedy.

Gewandhaus Concert Hall

The *Leipziger Gewandhaus* (Augustusplatz 8) plays host to over 600 concerts per year. The "Große Concerte" makes up most of these, but you are also very likely to see a performance of chamber music or choral recital.

The concert hall's orchestra often accompanies to world-famous St. Thomas Boys Choir in their

shows, as well as at the Opera House.

St. Thomas's Church

St. Thomas's Church (Hillerstraße 8) is doubly famous as the home of the eponymous boys' choir and because of their former cantor, Johannes Sebastian Bach. In fact it is thanks to Bach that the choir enjoys the international reputation it does today.

You can catch the St. Thomas Boys Choir most Fridays and Saturdays, unless they are on tour, or it's a school holiday.

Mendelssohn College of Music and Theater

Bach was not the only famous composer to reside in the musical city of Leipzig. Felix Mendelssohn called Leipzig home for a long enough time to open Germany's first conservatory, the Mendelssohn College of Music and Theater (Grassistraße 8).

MDR Symphony Orchestra

The MDR Symphony Orchestra (Kantstraße 71-73) is yet another Leipzig theater in this melodic city. They also have their own children's choir, generally regarded as one of Europe's best, as well as close ties with the local broadcasting system.