

## Munich Theaters -- It's About Mozart, Wagner, Strauss

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The Munich theater and opera scene once played host to the likes of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, who wrote his opera “La finta giardiniera” in the city. Richard Wagner and Richard Strauss were also influential in Munich. With such an impressive past line-up, it has established itself as a cultural center for the arts.

Here is my top list of Munich theaters...

### **National Theater**

This Munich theater (Max-Joseph-Platz) is the city’s classic opera venue. It is the home of the Bavarian State Opera and the State Ballet. Founded in 1653, this beautiful building still plays host to some of the most famous operas, ballets and musical performances. You can find shows playing at this critically-beloved theater almost every night — and for reasonable prices.

### **Prinzregententheater**

This historic *Prinzregententheater* and opera house (Prinzregentenplatz 12) was built specifically for the works of the great Richard Wagner. It served as a temporary home for the State Opera during the post-war reconstruction years, and today is the seat of the Bavarian Theater Academy.

### **Residenz Theater**

The New Resident Theater (Max-Joseph-Platz 1) is a new addition to Munich’s theater scene.

After the original was destroyed during the [Second World War](#), this new building was erected in the 1950s. This theater is the current home of the Bavarian State Theater, which is among Germany's most respected and beloved theater companies.

## **Munich Kammerspiele**

If you're looking for some thought-provoking Munich theater, look no further than the *Kammerspiele* (Maximilianstraße 26). This award-winning theater can be found in the *Schauspielhaus*. Some popular past shows have included the works of Shakespeare and Bertolt Brecht.

## **Gasteig**

This is an important center of Munich culture as the home of the Munich Philharmonic Orchestra. You'll also find the Richard Strauss Conservatory and a library under its roof. This is the usual site for the Munich Film Festival.

## **Cinema**

The simply-named Cinema (Stiglmaierplatz) is the place to go to catch the latest Hollywood film. All movies are shown in the original language (no dubbing!) with subtitles.