

Press Release

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Oscar winner Stephen Warbeck, Éric Serra and Klaus Doldinger among the guests at 9th Film Score Days Saxony Anhalt, 23 – 29 October in Halle (Saale)

Halle (Saale). During the 9th Filmmusiktage Sachsen-Anhalt (Film Music Days Saxony Anhalt) the city Halle will then be the gathering point for Francophile film score experts, composers, sound designers, filmmakers and movie buffs for the week from **23 to 29 October**. The guests will include the French composer **Éric Serra** (*The Fifth Element*; *Léon: The Professional*), known for his long-standing collaboration with the cult director Luc Besson. The French film score composer **Laurent Eyquem** (including *Copperhead*, *Winnie Mandela*), who now lives in Los Angeles, will also speak at the two-day congress. Oscar winner **Stephen Warbeck** will bring a touch of Hollywood glamour to the event! His accomplishments include the film score to *Shakespeare in Love*, for which he received the coveted Academy Award in 1999. The orchestra **Staatskapelle Halle** under the steady hand of conductor **Bernd Ruf** will honour the well-known film music melodies by the star composer during a **Gala Concert** in **Steintor-Varieté Halle** at **7:30 p.m., 29 October**, attended by the French Cultural Attaché to Saxony Anhalt, Damien Chapuis. The French nouvelle chanson singer **Constance Amiot** is expected as the soloist. Like in previous years, a silent movie will be intoned by a composition created by the **Masterclass – THE ORCHESTRA**, which this year – in keeping with the French focus – will be *Apaches of Paris* (Nikolai Malikoff, 1927).

The award of **DEUTSCHER FILMMUSIKPREIS** – German Film Music Prize – on **28 October 2016** in **Steintor-Varieté** on the evening before the final concert at the Filmmusiktage will provide a fitting stage for luminaries of the scene. The Honorary Prize will go to film composer, jazz saxophonist and bandleader (*Passport*) **Klaus Doldinger**, who will also perform live on stage. He has written instantaneously recognizable music that has become an integral feature of the German cinema and TV landscape: besides writing the title track to *Tatort*, he also penned the score for *Ein Fall für Zwei*, *The Never-Ending Story* and – last but certainly not least – the unmistakable sound of the classic movie *Das Boot* by Wolfgang Petersen. Oscar winner **Stephen Warbeck** will also be in attendance to receive the **International Honorary Prize**. The best national film composers will be honoured in the categories **Best Music in a Film**, **Best Song in a Film**, **Best Music in a Short Film** and **Emerging Talent**. The prize for **Best Music in a Short Film** will be awarded for the first time. The winners in the various groups of nominees will not be announced until the evening of the award ceremony. Host **Ellen Schweda** will comper the event, which in addition to **Klaus Doldinger and the pianist Roberto di Gioia** will also feature a live performance by **Miss O'Paque**. There are some tickets remaining for the gala, available from all the usual ticket offices.

Cinema lovers will be delighted to know that this year will also feature a series of films focusing on France. Among others, the **Puschkino** will screen the classics of French cinema *Amélie* (2001), *Midnight in Paris* (2012) by Woody Allen, *Vivement Dimanche* (1983) and

the hot new documentary *The Music of Strangers* by Morgan Neville, which features Yo-Yo Ma and others. The film series will come to an end with this year's runaway success, the French comedy *L'étudiante et Monsieur Henri* by Ivan Calbérac, starring Claude Brasseur and Guillaume De Tonquédec.

The concert with **Salon Pernod** on at **8 p.m., 26 October** in **Objekt 5** promises a very special evening, as a Chansonnier simply cannot be missing from a festival focusing on France! **Thomas Wittenbecher**, a multifaceted talent and a household name among music enthusiasts in Halle thanks to his innumerable music projects, will enchant the audience with musettes and chansons. **Stephan Graf v. Bothmer** enjoys cult status, fills the major concert auditoria and spirits his audience away into the long-forgotten genre of silent movies. The pianist will give his first ever concert in Halle, intoning the silent music classic *Madame Dubarry* (1919) in the **Löwengebäude of Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg** at **7:30 p.m., 27 October**. Tickets are available from the box office at the event or from www.filmusiktage.de.

An overview of dates at the 9th Film Score Days Saxony Anhalt 2016 in Halle (Saale):

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| 23 – 29 October | Film music bell ringing from the Red Tower
Every day from 1 p.m. |
| 23 – 27 October | Masterclass – DAS ORCHESTER (registration has closed) |
| 23 October | Film series <i>Amélie</i>
Puschkino, 4:45 p.m. |
| 24 October | Film series <i>Midnight in Paris</i>
Puschkino, 7 p.m. |
| 25 October | Film series <i>Vivement Dimanche</i>
Puschkino, 7 p.m. |
| 26 October | Film series <i>The Music of Strangers: Yo-Yo Ma and the Silk Road Ensemble</i> , Puschkino, 7 p.m.

Film Music Concert with <i>Salon Pernod</i>
Object 5, 8 p.m. |
| 27 October | Film series, <i>L'étudiante et Monsieur Henri</i>
Puschkino, 7 p.m. |
| 28 October | Award of DEUTSCHER FILMMUSIKPREIS 2016
Steintor-Variété Halle (Saale), 7:30 p.m. |
| 28 & 29 October | Congress with panels, seminars, studio discussions, workshops and talks in Puschkinhaus, Halle (Saale) |

- 28 & 29 October **Orchestra Seminar** with Robin Hoffmann in the Kunstforum
- 29 October **Gala Concert at the Filmmusiktage Sachsen-Anhalt**
Steintor-Varieté, Halle (Saale), 7:30 p.m.
- 2 February 2017 **Bolero Grooves**, final concert by the children and youth project with
the Youth Brass Band under the musical director Enrico Rummel,
schoolchildren from Halle and the special needs workshops in Halle
under the musical director Hannes Dullinger (**date postponed for
organisational reasons**)



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