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Unique Cultural Events on the Water in the Leipzig Region

(7 July 2023) A unique cultural experience awaits young and old on the waters of the Leipzig Region, especially in the New Lake District (Leipziger Neuseenland). From floating stages where operettas are performed to captivating concerts, this destination combines the beauty of nature with vibrant artistic expressions. Visitors can be enchanted by a world where culture meets water to create unforgettable moments. Whether Lake Zwenkau, Reservoir Lake Zschopau or Lake Schladitz – in the summer time, numerous crowd-pleasing events will take place on the water, delighting guests with their cultural programs and unique flair.

5th Neuseenland Music Festival at Lake Zwenkau (6 to 9 July 2023)

Music lovers can experience summer open-air concerts at Cape Zwenkau against the picturesque backdrop of Lake Zwenkau – with a water surface of 963 hectares the largest lake in the south of Leipzig. The Leipzig Symphony Orchestra, which celebrates its 60th anniversary this year, performs with various guests. A mixture of classical and modern music is played with national and international instrumentation. Further info: <https://www.neuseenlandmusikfest.de> and <https://www.leipzig.travel/en/poi/lake-zwenkau>

Summer Theatre at Lakeside Stage Kriebstein (1 July to 9 August 2023)

Around Leipzig, the muses also perform along the edges of other waterways. On 1 July 2023 the premiere of the operetta “Beggar Student” (Bettelstudent), composed by the Austrian Carl Millöcker, was a big success at Kriebstein Lake Stage. With 250 square metre it is Saxony’s largest floating stage directly located at the Kriebstein Dam. To get one over on a proud Polish countess, a pompous Saxon colonel turns a roving student into a noble groom for his daughter. But the intrigue does not work out - in the end, not only do the Poles succeed in rebelling against the occupiers, but the beggar student is also elevated to the nobility. With operetta-typical winking and the musical catchy tunes, happiness and money, love and liberation find each other. The operetta will be performed by the Mittelsächsisches Theater (Middle Saxony Theatre) until 9 August 2023. Further info: <https://www.kriebsteintalsperre.de/veranstaltungen/seebuehne> and <https://www.mittelsaechsisches-theater.de>

Cultural Festival at Biedermeier Beach (Premiere on 5 August 2023)

Lake Schladitz in the north of Leipzig inspires with a lake stage at the Biedermeier Beach incl. a wonderful view of the lake. The season highlight is the elaborate musical "Journey to the Center of the Earth" based on Jules Verne, which will be performed on all Fridays and Saturdays from 5 to 26 August 2023. After six acclaimed seasons with the musical "Oliver Twist," the Musik- und Theaterförderverein Priester e.V. (Music and Theatre Support Association) is taking its audience on a new adventure this year.

Those interested in culture can accompany the absent-minded Professor Dr. Lidenbrock and his nephew Alexander on their daring venture through fantastic worlds full of strange creatures, unbelievable encounters and threatening situations. An ensemble of around 40, an enormous stage set, magical costumes and epic music will bring Jules Verne's novel to life in the two-hour open-air performance. The premiere on 5 August 2023 at 19 o'clock will be celebrated with an extraordinary ceremonial act and many prominent guests. Further information: <https://biedermeierstrand.de> and <https://www.leipzig.travel/poi/schladitzer-see>

Highfield Festival at Lake Störmthal (18 to 20 August 2023)

"The lake is calling!" once again serves as the rallying cry for fans of the Highfield Festival in 2023. An estimated attendance of around 35,000 music enthusiasts will gather on the picturesque shores of Lake Strömthal in Großpösna, 30 minutes south of Leipzig. They will revel in a melodic feast spanning genres from pop to punk, and from rock to rap. Over 40 acclaimed artists have already confirmed their electrifying performances, including the likes of Die Ärzte, RIN, SDP, and Beatsteaks. Adding to the excitement, K.I.Z. and Marteria will make their debut appearances at the festival.

With the new Highfield App visitors can create an individual timetable to know exactly when to be where and not to miss a favourite artist. With the app festival goers will always have the best overview and can activate a gig alert, too. There are regular and green camp festival passes for 189 euro. Day passes for a price of 89 euro are tickets for a festival day of choice but have no access to the campsite. This year new is that the ultimate VIP experience can also be combined with day passes.

People don't produce more waste at a festival than in everyday life. That's according to the calculated amount of waste per person (1,02 kilograms per day at Highfield Festival 2022) that the festival organizer FKP Scorpio published in February 2023. In order to motivate visitors to hand in their garbage, the new concept of this year uses elements of gamification to achieve the highest possible participation: "Trasholution" is a garbage challenge with social added value. Every full trash bag is counted on site and triggers a donation of one euro to social projects in the region, paid by the organizer. In addition, the "Green Rocks Program" with measures such as recycling stations or a festival waste collection supports the goal of a more sustainability.

Further information: <https://highfield.de/en/> and official aftermovie of Highfield Festival 2022 here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=axBEzlkQ6iM>

Further Information

- <https://www.leipzig.travel/en>
- <https://www.leipzig.travel/en/discover/active/lakes-and-waterways>