

## **FROM CONCERTS TO OPERA/BALLET AND SOCCER: „CULTURE“ IN BERLIN**

Dear Spring FU-BEST participant:

As part of the program, we offer you an opportunity to sample up to 4 events/performances from the list below. This list is, of course, only a selection of what this great city has to offer, but we have made a choice based on both the music's, opera's or ballet's popularity, the likelihood of getting you tickets, and the restrictions imposed by our program's schedule. We encourage you to explore this city on your own to the fullest extent, using your student status to obtain valuable discounts on tickets. If you have a good command of German, do not forget Berlin's rich theater scene!

### **I. CONCERTS:**

These are all classical symphonic music concerts performed by the Sinfonie Orchester Berlin (not the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra) at the Philharmonie at the Kulturforum (behind the Potsdamer Platz area). It is not easy to get tickets for the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, certainly not for a group, but you can try your luck on an individual basis.

**Date and time: Saturday, February 2, 8 p.m., Großer Saal**

Tchaikovsky: Polonaise from the opera "Eugen Onegin"; Violin Concerto; Symphony Nr. 5

**Date and time: Saturday, February 9, 8 p.m., Kleiner Saal**

Mendelssohn: Hebriden-Overture  
Chopin: Piano Concerto Nr. 1  
Dvorak: Symphony Nr. 9 (From the New World)

**Date and time: Saturday, February 16, 8 p.m., Großer Saal**

Mozart: Piano Concerto Nr. 23  
Grieg: Piano Concerto  
Rachmaninov: Piano Concerto Nr. 2

**Date and time: Saturday, February 23, 8 p.m., Großer Saal**

Beethoven: Prometheus-Overture; Piano Concerto Nr. 2; Symphony Nr. 6 (Pastoral)

**Date and time: Saturday, March 8, 8 p.m., Großer Saal**

Tchaikovsky: Serenade for Strings; Piano Concerto Nr. 3;  
Symphony Nr. 4

**Date and time: Saturday, March 22, 8 p.m., Großer Saal**

Beethoven: Leonore Overture Nr. 3; Piano Concerto Nr. 3;  
Symphony Nr. 3 (Eroica)

**Date and time: Saturday, April 19, 8 p.m., Kleiner Saal**

Mozart: Serenata notturna; Piano Concerto Nr. 21; Symphony Nr. 35 (Haffner)

**Date and time: Saturday, April 26, 8 p.m., Großer Saal**

Brahms: Violin Concerto  
Liszt: Piano Concerto Nr. 1  
Dvorak: Cello Concerto

## **II. OPERA & BALLET & CHORAL MUSIC:**

We have selected operas, ballets, and choral/orchestral music performed at the **Deutsche Oper** (see station on U2 line), since it is the largest of Berlin's opera houses and thus most likely to have a sufficient number of tickets. Note that for most performances there are several dates in the calendar, which should enable us to get you into the performances you are interested in; but it may require you to be a bit flexible as to the date! The other two opera houses (Komische Oper and Staatsoper) are along Unter den Linden and offer student discounts.

**Dates and times:**           **Friday, February 1, 7:30 p.m.**  
                                  **Monday, February 4, 7:30 p.m.**  
                                  Ballet: "Glories of the Romantic Ballet"

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**Dates and times:**           **Saturday, February 2, 5 p.m.**  
                                  **Sunday, February 10, 4 p.m.**  
                                  **Saturday, February 16, 5 p.m.**  
                                  Opera: "Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg" (Richard Wagner)

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**Dates and times:**           **Sunday, February 3, 6 p.m.**  
                                  Opera: "Madame Butterfly" (Giacomo Puccini)

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**Dates and times:**           **Friday, February 8, 7:30 p.m.**  
                                  Opera: "Elektra" (Richard Strauss)

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**Dates and times:**           **Saturday, February 9, 7:30 p.m.**  
                                  **Thursday, February 21, 7:30 p.m.**  
                                  **Sunday, February 24, 6 p.m.**  
                                  Opera: "Nabucco" (Giuseppe Verdi)

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**Dates and times:**           **Friday, February 15, 7:30 p.m.**  
                                  **Saturday, March 1, 7:30 p.m.**  
                                  **Saturday, March 8, 7:30 p.m.**  
                                  Opera: "Zauberflöte" (W.A. Mozart)

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**Dates and times:**           **Friday, February 22, 7:30 p.m.**  
                                  **Tuesday, February 26, 7:30 p.m.**  
                                  Opera: "La Traviata" (Giuseppe Verdi)

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**Dates and times:** Sunday, March 2, 6 p.m.  
Thursday, March 6, 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, March 16, 6 p.m.  
Thursday, March 20, 7:30 p.m.  
Monday, March 24, 5 p.m.  
Opera: "Aida" (Giuseppe Verdi)

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**Dates and times:** Tuesday, March 4, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, March 22, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, April 19, 6 p.m.  
Opera: "Rigoletto" (Giuseppe Verdi)

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**Dates and times:** Wednesday, March 5, 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, March 7, 7:30 p.m.  
Ballet: "George-Balanchine-Ballettabend"

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**Dates and times:** Saturday, March 15, 6 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 19, 6 p.m.  
Sunday, March 23, 5 p.m.  
Sunday, April 13, 5 p.m.  
Opera: "Der Rosenkavalier" (Richard Strauss)

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**Dates and times:** Wednesday, March 26, 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, April 11, 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday, April 17, 7:30 p.m.  
Chorus and orchestra: "Carmina Burana" (Carl Orff)

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**Dates and times:** Wednesday, April 16, 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, April 18, 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 22, 7:30 p.m.  
Ballet: La Sylphide (Schneitzhoeffler/Taglioni)

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**Date and time:** Friday, April 25, 7 p.m.  
Opera: "Le nozze di Figaro" (W.A. Mozart)

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**III. SOCCER:**

We have selected 5 home games of Berlin's own Hertha BSC, played at the renowned Olympic Stadium (Olympiastadion), which can be reached conveniently on the U2 line.

**Date and time: February 1, 2 or 3\***

Hertha BSC vs. Eintracht Frankfurt

**Date and time: February 15, 16 or 17\***

Hertha BSC vs. Arminia Bielefeld

**Date and time: February 29, March 1 or 2\***

Hertha BSC vs. MSV Duisburg

**Date and time: March 21, 22 or 23\***

Hertha BSC vs. Schalke 04

**Date and time: April 15 or 16 (8 p.m.)\***

Hertha BSC vs. Hamburger SV

\* Please note that the DFB (German Soccer Federation) frequently sets the definitive schedule just a few weeks at a time. At this (early) point, therefore, we do not have the definitive date for any of the 5 games, nor do we know the starting time in most cases. Normally speaking, Saturday games start at 3:30 p.m. and weekday games are in the evening. Keep this in mind and in your calendar when signing up for soccer games. We will try to give you the most up-to-date information available to us!

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**The sign-up lists are in the Wintergarten Room downstairs. The sign-up deadline for the entire cultural program is Wednesday, January 16 at 5 p.m.! When there are multiple dates for a performance, BE SURE TO INDICATE FOR WHICH DATE YOU WANT A TICKET!**

**PLEASE NOTE: ATTENDANCE AT ANY OF THE EVENTS LISTED ABOVE SHOULD NOT CONFLICT WITH ATTENDANCE AT ANY OF YOUR CLASSES OR WITH OTHER PROGRAM-RELATED RESPONSIBILITIES, SO CHOOSE YOUR CULTURAL ACTIVITIES CAREFULLY!**