



### AUSTRIAN ARTISTS AT MENT 2023

The 9th edition of the annual MENT festival (March 29-31) will take place at more than 15 concert and conference venues around Ljubljana. Focusing on new, stylistically diverse acts, MENT Ljubljana showcases up-and-coming and established artists from all over Europe. The MENT conference is also an indispensable part of the festival, attracting hundreds of professionals from all over the world who visit Ljubljana to enjoy the wide-ranging music programme, make new acquaintances, meet professionals from the Balkan region, strengthen their networks and get the latest updates on trends in the music industry. Like every year, Austrian acts hit the stages at this epic showcase festival. The full line-up includes Aze, Kenji Araki, Toupaz and UCHE YARA.

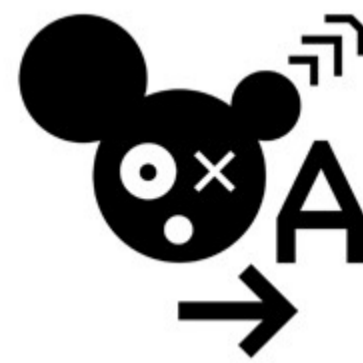
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### INTERVIEW w/ SOPHIE LINDINGER

After great successes with My Ugly Clementine and Leyya, the musician and producer SOPHIE LINDINGER released her first solo album on February 10, 2023, an album that is most likely the "reason for her existence." Why the album fits the current time, the artist tells us in conversation with Ania Gleich.

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### AUSTRIAN MUSIC HIGHLIGHTS #17

It's officially still winter, but the sun rays start to shine through in, albeit sporadic, but hopeful bouts. To accompany the ever-increasing auspicious rays, here are a few beams of musical light to carry you over the hump of cold towards the sure-to-be glittering spring that's patiently waiting just around the bend.

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### FM4 SOUNDPARK ACT OF THE MONTH: ARAI

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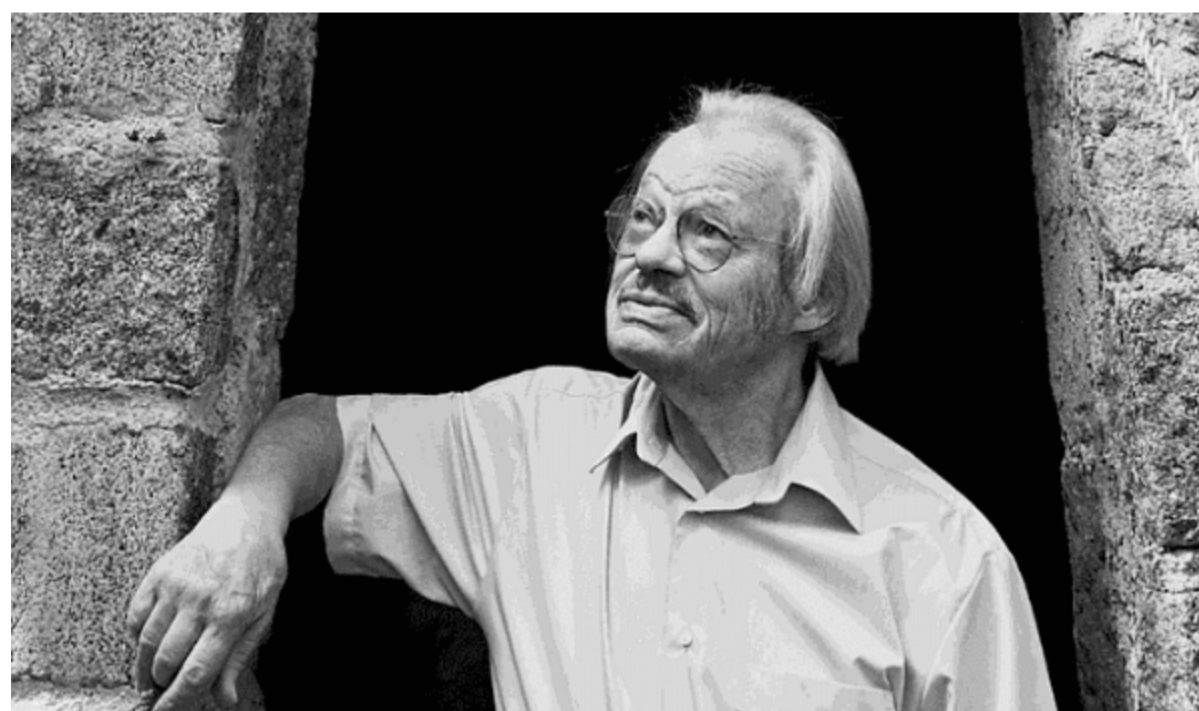
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### FESTIVAL IMAGO DEI 2023: "BALANCE"

NADJA KAYALI'S 2nd round as Artistic Director of the IMAGO DEI festival (March 17 - April 10) celebrates HK GRUBER and ERNST KOVACIC, while continuing the focal points "Zwischentöne Polen" and "Imago Deae", and embarks on literary-musical-legal explorations of law and justice.

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### FRIEDRICH CERHA PASSES AWAY AT THE AGE OF (NEARLY) 97

FRIEDRICH CERHA has been present in the Austrian concert scene like hardly any other contemporary composer. But he has left his mark on the music scene, not only through his diverse musical output, but also as the leader of various ensembles, as conductor and through his tireless commitment to (new) music and its mediation. On February 14, 2023, he passed away three days before his 97th birthday.

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### 5 MILLION PESOS: SIMSA FÜNF

"5 Million Pesos" – Young Jazz in and from Austria. A concert series by RadioKulturhaus Vienna and Ö1 jazz editors. For the March 2023 edition: SIMSA FÜNF.

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