



Leipzig Music Trail

Leipziger Notenspur –
A step-by-step discovery





Leipziger Notenspur - Leipzig Music Trail

The Leipziger Notenspur Initiative

Leipzig is home to an unusually high density of originally preserved homes and workplaces of renowned composers. Traces of composers like G.Ph. Telemann, J.S. Bach, A. Lortzing, F. Mendelssohn Bartholdy, R. Schumann, as well as R. Wagner, E. Grieg, L. Janáček, G. Mahler, M. Reger and E. Schulhoff can be encountered on the music routes of the Leipzig Notenspur. The Leipziger Notenspur Initiative provides opportunities to discover this musical and cultural heritage by combining an exploration of the city with a musical experience.

The Leipziger Notenspur: Rendezvous with Music Geniuses

The Leipziger Notenspur is a 5 km long route through the centre of Leipzig that connects the most important authentic sites – primarily composers' homes and performance locations – from the baroque and romantic eras.

Additional Projects

Two other projects – the Leipziger Notenrad (Music Ride) and the Leipziger Notenbogen (Music Walk) – are currently in development. More information is available on our website www.notenspur-leipzig.de and in the guidebook "Leipzig Music Trail" published by Kamprad-Verlag.

Project Supporters of the City of Music

The idea of the Leipziger Notenspur was created by Leipzig's citizens and has been actively supported by volunteers. A great number of Leipzig citizens have contributed to the multifaceted development of the project, by sharing their ideas and experience. The „Leipziger Notenspur“ project is supported by an expansive network which includes music institutions, associations and individuals. Leipzig's higher educational institutions, Leipzig Tourism and Marketing GmbH and the city's municipality also contributed to the Notenspur project.

www.notenspur-leipzig.de
www.leipzig-music-trail.com

Notenspur for Children

The Little Leipzig Music Trail ("Kleine Leipziger Notenspur") invites children to explore the city's music routes with the mascot Toni and a Notenspur Discovery Pass ("Entdeckerpass"), which can be obtained at the Leipzig Tourist Information Office (i) at Katharinenstraße 8.

Route and Audio Guide Systems

The route is marked by stainless steel signs set in the pavement that show the way from station to station. Every Notenspur station has an information board. As music is best enjoyed through listening, Notenspur has developed small audio clips. You can listen to the audio samples and music examples via phone (local call). A Notenspur-app for smartphones and i-Phones is also available for download.

The European Heritage Label

The music of famous Leipzig composers and the houses in which they worked are heritage sites of world wide importance. Which is why in March 2018 the EU awarded the Leipziger Notenspur, and the nine Music heritage sites it represents and connects by acting as the ideal and actual connector, with the European Heritage Label. The nine music heritage sites mentioned above include: St. Thomas Church and the Thomas boys choir, St. Nicholas Church, the Old St. Nicholas School, the Bach-Archives at Bosehaus, the "Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy" College for music and theater, Schumann House, Mendelssohn House, the C.F. Peters Publishing house and Grieg Memorial site, and the Gewandhaus Leipzig. Furthermore the project "European Notenspur" which was also part of the application is run by the Leipzig Notenspur e. V.



The "Notenspur" concept was created by the Leipziger Notenspur Initiative.



The development of the route and audio guide systems of the Leipziger Notenspur was implemented by the City of Leipzig in cooperation with the Notenspur Leipzig e. V. and funded by the Free State of Saxony.



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Stations of the Leipzig Notenspur

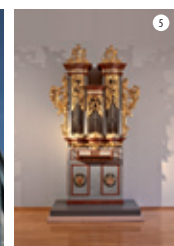
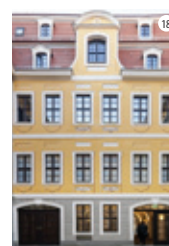
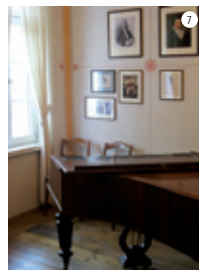
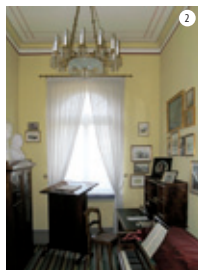
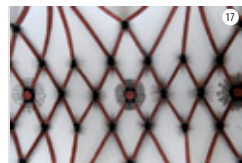
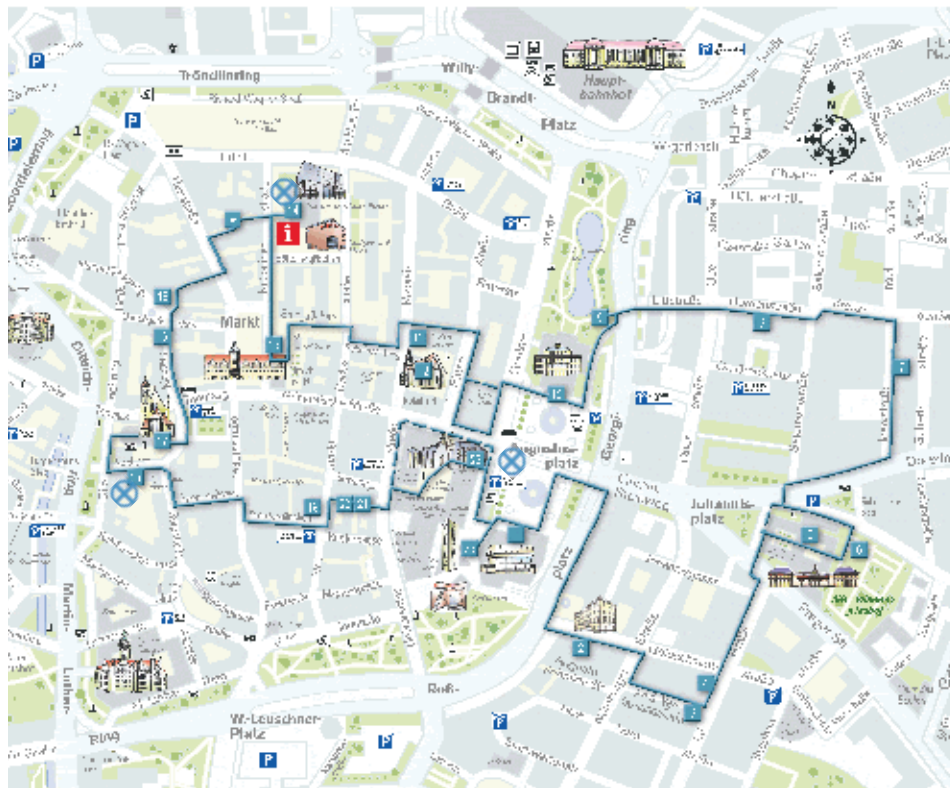
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Sound Installation – City Sounds from three centuries

Information Point

* The historic building has not been preserved



STATIONS OF THE LEIPZIGER NOTENSPUR / LEIPZIG MUSIC TRAIL

01 Neues Gewandhaus / New Gewandhaus

The New Gewandhaus, opened in October 1981 in Leipzig, is home to the world-famous Gewandhaus Orchestra, founded in 1743.

Augustusplatz 9, 04109 Leipzig, Tel.: 0341/1270280
Monday–Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

02 Mendelssohn-Haus / Mendelssohn House

This is the only preserved home of Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809–1847) in the whole world and was his last residence. It is also the location of the Kurt-Masur Institute. (Museum on-site)

Goldschmidtstraße 12, 04103 Leipzig, Tel.: 0341/962882-0
Daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., concerts: Sundays 11 a.m.

03 Grieg-Begegnungsstätte / Grieg Memorial Centre

Edward Grieg (1843–1907), a Norwegian composer and pianist, lived in the C.F. Peters building as a guest of the publishers M. Abraham and H. Hinrichsen during his stays in Leipzig. (Exhibition on-site)

Talstraße 10, 04103 Leipzig, Tel.: 0341/9939661
Friday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
(exception: public holidays)

04 Ehemalige Musikbibliothek Peters / Former Peters Music Library

The first specialized public library used to contain the valuable autographs from Bach, Brahms and Haydn. Today the collection can be found in the Leipzig City Library (Stadtbibliothek Leipzig).

Goldschmidtstr. 26, 04103 Leipzig

05 Museum für Musikinstrumente / Museum of Musical Instruments

Germany's largest collection of musical instruments contains more than 5000 pieces, including the oldest originally preserved fortepiano in the world. (Museum on-site)

Johannisplatz 5–11, 04103 Leipzig, Tel.: 0341/9730750
Tuesday - Sunday and public holidays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

06 Alter Johannisfriedhof / Old St. John Cemetery

Final resting place for many of Leipzig's prominent musicians, composers and publishers. (If closed, consider the alternative route)

Main entrance: Johannisplatz, behind the Grassi Museum

March–October daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. / November–December daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

07 Schumann-Haus / Schumann House

Composer Robert Schumann (1810–1856) and his wife Clara Wieck (1819–1896) spent the first years of their marriage in this house. (Museum on-site)

Inselstraße 18, 04103 Leipzig, Tel.: 0341/39392191
Monday–Friday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

08 Grafisches Viertel – Musikverlage / Graphic Quarter – Music Publishers

In the 19th century Leipzig became the metropolis of European music and publishing. The most important music publishers include Breitkopf & Härtel (the world's oldest music publishing house founded in 1719), C.F. Peters and F. Hofmeister. Information regarding the history of music notation, riddles and audio samples is provided on the Music Wall ("Notenwand").

Großer Brockhaus / Dörrienstraße, 04103 Leipzig

09 Wagner-Denkmal / Wagner Memorial

Richard Wagner was born in Leipzig in 1813 (he died in Venice in 1883). He spent his childhood years in Dresden and came back to his hometown in 1827. He attended the Old St. Nicholas School between 1828 and 1830 and then studied music at the University of Leipzig. Some of his compositions were premiered in Leipzig.

Location: Georgiring, at the Swan Lake behind the Opera building.

10 Oper Leipzig / Leipzig Opera

Today's "Opernhaus" opened its doors in 1960 after the previous building was destroyed in World War II. Leipzig's opera tradition goes back to the 17th century.

Augustusplatz 12, 04109 Leipzig, Tel.: 0341/12610
For tour bookings visit our website at: www.oper-leipzig.de

11 Alte Nikolaischule / Old St. Nicholas School

Opened in 1512, St. Nicholas School was the first city public school in Leipzig. G.W. Leibniz, J.G. Seume and R. Wagner are among the school's most prominent students. (Exhibition on-site)

Nikolaikirchhof 2, 04109 Leipzig, Tel.: 0341/2118518
Tuesday–Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

12 Nikolaikirche / St. Nicholas Church

Another restored church (after St. Thomas Church) where J.S. Bach held the position as Cantor. Both St John Passion and a part of the Christmas Oratorio premiered here. The organ by Friedrich Ladegast from the year 1862 is the biggest church in Saxony.

Nikolaikirchhof 3, 04109 Leipzig, Tel.: 0341/1245380
Monday–Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday Church Service 9.30 a.m., 11.15 a.m. and 5 p.m.

13 Altes Rathaus / Old City Hall

This is where the town pipers performed and where Bach signed an employment contract with the city. The famous original Bach Portrait by E. Haußmann can be found here. (Museum on-site)

Markt 1, 04109 Leipzig, Tel.:0341/9651320
Tuesday–Sunday and public holidays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Leipzig Tourist Information Office

Katharinenstraße 8, Tel.: 0341/7104260
Monday–Friday from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday/public holidays from 9.30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

14 Museum der bildenden Künste – Beethoven / Museum of Fine Arts – Beethoven

Here you can find the Beethoven Statue by Max Klinger, which is a masterpiece of symbolism and one of the world's most significant music-related works of art. (Museum on-site)

Katharinenstraße 10, 04109 Leipzig, Tel.: 0341/216990
Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday–Sunday and public holidays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Klanginstallation / Sound Installation

Kretschmanns Hof: in the passage between the Katharinen- and Hainstraße you can listen to the music and city sounds from three centuries by standing under the “sound shower”.

15 Zum Arabischen Coffe Baum / The Arabian Coffee Tree

The oldest coffee house in Germany; meeting point of poets, scientists and musicians for centuries. Robert Schumann and other members of the League of David (Davidsbündler) gathered here to discuss ideas that would later appear in the New Journal for Music (“Neue Zeitschrift für Musik”). (Museum on-site)

Kleine Fleischergasse 4, 04109 Leipzig, Tel.: 0341/9610060
Museum opening hours: daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

16 Hôtel de Saxe

The concert hall of the former hotel used to be a place where guest virtuosos gave performances and a series of concerts in Leipzig. Mozart's widow Constanze stayed over night here in 1796.

Location: Klostergasse 9, 04109 Leipzig

17 Thomaskirche / St. Thomas Church

Home to St. Thomas Boys Choir for more than 800 years. St. Matthew's Passion and many other compositions by Johann Sebastian Bach were premiered here.

Thomaskirchhof 18, 04109 Leipzig, Tel.: 0341/222240
Daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Motette: Fridays at 6 p.m., Saturdays at 3 p.m. (exception: summer holidays)

18 Bach-Museum / Bach Museum

The Bach Museum is primarily devoted to the life and work of the Cantor of St. Thomas Church Johann Sebastian Bach in Leipzig. It is situated in the house of the merchant family Bose, who were friends with the Bachs. (Museum on-site)

Thomaskirchhof 15/16, 04109 Leipzig, Tel.: 0341/9137202
Tuesday–Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

19 Standort Geburtshaus Clara Wieck / Site of Clara Wieck's Birth Place

Clara Wieck, famous pianist and later R. Schumann's wife, was born in the house “Hohe Lilie” (“High Lily”) in 1819. The building was destroyed during World War II.

Preußergäßchen, at the corner of Neumarkt, 04109 Leipzig

20 Standort Altes Konservatorium / Site of the Old Conservatoire

Here is where the first conservatoire in what is today Germany was opened following the initiative of Mendelssohn in 1843. Edvard Grieg is among the school's most prominent students.

**Atrium of the „Städtisches Kaufhaus“,
Entrance via Universitätsstraße 16 or Neumarkt 9**

21 Standort Erstes Gewandhaus / Site of the First Gewandhaus

Location of the first Gewandhaus, the warehouse and residence of the cloth merchants. The Gewandhaus Orchestra – the oldest citizens' concert orchestra in the world – performed here as of 1781.

Universitätsstraße 16, Städtisches Kaufhaus, 04109 Leipzig

22 Paulinum – Aula und Universitätskirche St. Pauli / – Auditorium and the University Church St. Pauli

Music has always played an important role at the "Alma Mater Lipsiensis". Prominent composers, such as G.Ph. Telemann, R. Wagner, F. Mendelssohn Bartholdy, R. Schumann and M. Reger, were closely connected to the University. (If closed, consider the alternative route.)

Augustusplatz, 04109 Leipzig

23 MDR Würfel – Orchester und Chöre des MDR / MDR Cube – Orchestras and Choirs of the MDR

Rehearsals and recordings of MDR Radio choir, MDR Children's choir and of the MDR Symphony Orchestra take place in the Cube, built in 2001.

Augustusplatz 9a, 04109 Leipzig, Tel.:0341/3008732

Awards

- 2013 European Initiative-Prize for Culture
(Europäischer Initiativ-Preis für Kultur)
- 2014 First Place in the Europe wide competition for the title of
„City of living memories“ – „Lebendige Erinnerungsstadt“
- 2018 European Cultural Heritage Label
(Europäisches Kulturerbesiegel)

How You Can Support the Leipziger Notenspur

Your ideas, suggestions and desire to volunteer are always welcome. You can also contribute to the creation and development of Leipziger Notenspur music trails by making a donation. Another way to support the project is by becoming a member of the Notenspur Leipzig e. V. (Friends of the Notenspur Association).



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Leipziger Notenspur / Leipzig Music Trail

Come explore the musical city of Leipzig on the Leipzig Music Trail! Nowhere else can you take a short walking tour and visit so many famous historical sites, where composers worked and lived in just under a few hours. The places waiting to be discovered include:

- › The churches where many of Johann Sebastian Bach's works were premiered
- › The home and last residence of Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy
- › The house in which Clara and Robert Schumann spent the first years of their marriage
- › The Museum of Musical Instruments containing the oldest piano in the world
- › St. Nicholas School attended by Richard Wagner
- › The coffee house where Robert Schumann and his „Davidsbündler“ (League of David) regularly met
- › The Old City Hall, the Gewandhaus, the Opera House and other sights of Leipzig

Just follow the curved stainless steel signs in the pavements from one site to the next. Additionally, an audio guide provides you with audio clips and musical examples. These will transport you back in time and enable you to immerse yourself in the creative atmosphere of musical Leipzig throughout the centuries.

The following symbols serve as a guide:



please call the phone number next to this sign to hear the audio clips

<d><e> for corresponding audio clips in German and English



for selected musical examples



for audio clips on the Little Leipzig Music Trail

The adventure on the Leipzig Music Trail lasts approximately three to four hours excluding visits to museums. A Music Trail Discovery Pass („Entdeckerpass“) with puzzles and information on Leipzig's musical history is available for children and young people at the Leipzig Tourist Information Office.

More information on the individual stop-off points and the Leipzig Music Trail as well as museum opening times can be found at: