



Leipziger Notenspur

Leipzig Music Trail —
A step-by-step discovery



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What makes it special

Leipzig is home to an unusually high density of originally preserved homes and workplaces of renowned composers.

Traces of composers like George Philipp Telemann, Johann Sebastian Bach, Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy, Clara and Robert Schumann, as well as Edvard Grieg, Richard Wagner, Leoš Janáček, Gustav Mahler, Max Reger and Erwin Schulhoff can be encountered on the music routes of the Leipziger Notenspur.

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

The idea of the Leipziger Notenspur was created by Leipzig's citizens. 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, the city's municipality as well as other large music establishments in Leipzig also contribute to the Notenspur project.

The Notenspur e. V. with its affiliated partners strives to make the great musical heritage come alive. Therefore it creates a fascinating connection between city exploration and music experience.

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, the Notenspur has developed small audio clips. You can listen to the audios via phone (local call) or smartphone (QR-Codes). The Notenspur-app, which contains the Notenspur-Soundwalk, is available for download on the app store.

Future Projects

Two more projects – the Leipziger Notenrad (Music Bike Trail) and the Leipziger Notenbogen (Music Arc) – are currently in development. More information is available on our website: www.leipzig-music-trail.com

The European Heritage Label

The music of famous composers and the houses in which they worked are cultural heritage sites of worldwide importance. Therefore, the Leipziger Notenspur and the nine music heritage sites (represented and connected by the former) were awarded the European Heritage Label in March 2018. The nine music heritage sites include St. Thomas Church and the St. Thomas Boys Choir, St. Nicholas Church, the Old St. Nicholas School, the Bach-Archive at Bosehaus, the University of Music and Theatre "Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy", Schumann House, Mendelssohn House, the C.F. Peters Publishing House and Grieg Memorial Centre, and the Gewandhaus Leipzig. The Notenspur Leipzig e.V. is also in charge of the project "European Music Trails".



Awards

- 2021 Leipzig Tourism Award
(Leipziger Tourismuspreis)
- 2018 European Cultural Heritage Label
(Europäisches Kulturerbe-Siegel)
- 2014 First Place in the Europe wide competition for the title of "City of living memories" – „Lebendige Erinnerungsstadt“
- 2013 European Initiative-Prize for Culture
(Europäischer Initiativ-Preis für Kultur)

The "Notenspur" concept was created by the Leipziger Notenspur Initiative. The development of the route and audio guide systems of the Leipziger Notenspur e. V. 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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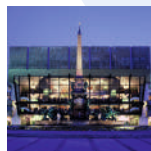


Stadt Leipzig



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Stations of the Leipziger Notenspur / Leipzig Music Trail



01 Neues Gewandhaus / New Gewandhaus

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

Augustusplatz 9, 04109 Leipzig,

Tel.: 0341/1 27 02 80

Foyer viewing: Monday – Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 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 international Kurt-Masur Institute. (Museum on-site)

Goldschmidtstraße 12, 04103 Leipzig,

Tel.: 0341/96 28 82 -0,

Daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.,

concerts: Sundays 11 a.m.

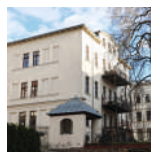


03 Grieg-Begegnungsstätte / Grieg Memorial Centre

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.: 0341/9 93 96 61; Tuesday– Friday 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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).

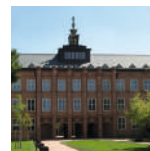
Goldschmidtstraße 26, 04103 Leipzig

05 Museum für Musikinstrumente / Museum of Musical Instruments

Germany's largest collection of musical instruments contains more than 5,000 pieces, including the oldest original preserved fortepiano in the world. (Museum on-site)

Johannisplatz 5 –11, 04103 Leipzig,

Tel.: 0341/9 73 07 50; Tuesday – Sunday, and public holidays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



06 Alter Johannisfriedhof / Old St. John's 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 – February, daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

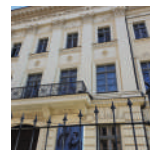


07 Schumann-Haus / Schumann House

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.: 0341/39 39 21 91; Monday – Friday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday & Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



08 Grafisches Viertel – Musikverlage (Notenwand) / 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 notation, riddles for young and old, and audio samples can be found on the Music Wall ("Notenwand").

**Großer Brockhaus/Dörrienstraße,
04103 Leipzig**





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09 Wagner-Denkmal / Wagner Memorial

Richard Wagner was born in Leipzig in 1813 (and died in Venice in 1883). He spent his childhood years in Dresden and came back to his hometown in 1827. Here, 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. A bust of Richard Wagner was put up in 1983 (a year dedicated to Wagner); the Leipzig sculptor Max Klinger designed its blueprint.

Georgiring, at the Swan Lake behind the Opera building



10 Oper Leipzig / Leipzig Opera

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

Augustusplatz 12, 04109 Leipzig,
Tel.: 0341/1 26 10; Dates for guided tours can be found at www.oper-leipzig.de



11 Alte Nikolaischule / Old St. Nicholas School

Opened in 1512, St. Nicholas School was the first 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.: 0341/2 11 85 18

Wednesday – Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
Saturday & Sunday from 12 a.m. to 5 p.m.
(closed on Holidays)



12 Nikolaikirche / St. Nicholas Church

Like St. Thomas Church, this is another preserved church where J.S. Bach held the position of Cantor. Both St. John Passion and a part of the Christmas Oratorio premiered here. The organ by Friedrich Ladegast from 1862 is the biggest church organ in Saxony.

Nikolaikirchhof 3, 04109 Leipzig,
Tel.: 0341/1 24 53 80

Monday – Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday Church Services at 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 his employment contract with the city. The famous original Bach Portrait by E. Haußmann can also be found here. (Museum on-site)

Markt 1, 04109 Leipzig,

Tel.: 0341/9 65 13 20

Tuesday – Sunday, and on Holidays from
10 a.m. to 6 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.: 0341/21 6990

Wednesday from 12 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday,
Thursday – Sunday, and on Holidays from 10
a.m. to 6 p.m.



15 Zum Arabischen Coffe Baum / The Arabian Coffee Tree

The oldest coffee house in Germany; meeting point for 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, currently closed)

Kleine Fleischergasse 4, 04109 Leipzig



🕒 Klanginstallation / Sound Installation

Kretschmanns Hof: In the passage between **Katharinen-** and **Hainstraße**, you can listen to the music and city sounds from three centuries by standing under the "sound shower".



Leipzig Tourist Information Office

Katharinenstraße 8, Tel.: 0341/7 10 42 60

Monday – Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday,
Sunday and on Holidays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



16 Hôtel de Saxe

The concert hall of the former hotel used to be a place where guest virtuosi gave performances and a series of concerts in Leipzig. Mozart's widow, Constanze, stayed here over night 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 J. S. Bach were premiered here.

Thomaskirchhof 18, 04109 Leipzig,

Tel.: 0341/22 22 40

Open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Motets: Friday at 6 p.m. & Saturday at 3 p.m. (not during 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.: 0341/9 13 72 02 Tuesday – Sunday, and on Holidays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



19 Standort Geburtshaus von 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 the Second World War.

Preußergäßchen, Ecke Neumarkt, 04109 Leipzig



Hello! I am Toni.



i For Children

We recommend looking for musical traces together with our little mascot, Toni, who can be found in the Music Trail Discovery Pass (Notenspur-Entdeckerpass) for children. The Discovery Pass can be downloaded from our website (www.leipzig-music-trail.com) by selecting the menu option 'Children, Families, Schools / For Children'.

20 Standort Altes Konservatorium / Site of the Old Conservatoire

In this courtyard, following the initiative of Mendelssohn, the first conservatoire opened in what is today Germany in 1843.

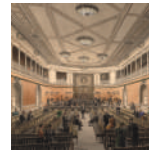
Atrium of the „Städtisches Kaufhaus“, Entrance via Universitätsstraße 16 oder Neumarkt 9, 04109 Leipzig



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 from 1781 onwards.

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 with 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, Children's choirs, and the MDR Symphony Orchestra take place in the Cube, built in 2001.

Augustusplatz 9a, 04109 Leipzig, Tel.: 0341/3 00 87 32



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Come explore the musical city of Leipzig on the Leipzig Music Trail! Nowhere else can you visit so many historical sites on a walking tour, where famous composers and musicians worked and lived. 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
- ♪ The Old 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

The entire tour along the Leipziger Notenspur lasts approximately three to four hours (excluding visits to museums) and covers a 5 km route.



More information on the individual stop-off points and the Leipziger Notenspur can be found at:

www.notenspur-leipzig.de

www.leipzig-music-trail.com