

29th Symposium of the ICTM Study Group on Ethnochoreology 9th - 16th July 2016

The Venue:

RETZHOF CASTLE

www.retzhof.at



Retzhof Castle (Schloss Retzhof) is an educational center beautifully located in the heart of the Southern Styrian wine region. It is named after the initial owner's family name "Retzer" and was owned by the Catholic diocese of Seckau at the end of the 16th century, when its ground plan and layout found today were built. Since 1948 the Retzhof has been owned and used as an educational centre by the state of Styria and provides barrier free accommodation for educational guests. Beyond being a first-class equipped and furnished conference center, Retzhof castle is also famous for its "green kitchen", putting emphasis on regionally grown, organic and fresh foods. The conference site caters and offers accomodation for participants of the symposium.

The Host:

INSTITUTE OF ETHNOMUSICOLOGY

The Institute of Ethnomusicology was founded in 1974 and is part of the University of Music and Performing Arts Graz (Universität für Musik und Darstellende Kunst Graz, KUG). Research topics presently cover musical traditions of sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America, South East Asia, and Central Europe. The Institute provides ethnomusicological education at BA, MA and PhD level, familiarizing students with contemporary ethnomusicological methods and theories as well as with selected musical cultures of the world. Since 2009, the study of dance in ethnological perspective has been part of research and education at the Institute.

ethnomusikologie.kug.ac.at

The Region: STYRIA



Styria (Steiermark) is one of nine Austrian federal states and is often called the “Green Heart” of Austria due to the fact that around 60% of the area is covered by forest (about 25% of the whole country's forest area). The “greenness” is also reflected by the fact that Styria has one of the highest concentrations of leading clean technology companies in Europe. The region is famous for its mountains, forests, wine gardens, and many local products like pumpkin-seed-oil, apples, beer or the magnificent wines from the vineyards of the South.

The City: GRAZ



Graz is the capitol of Styria and the second-largest city of Austria (309,323 inhabitants) after Vienna. Its “Old-Town”, which is famous for the red rooftops, is one of the best-preserved city centres in Central Europe and was declared part of the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage List in 1999. Graz also was sole Cultural Capital of Europe in 2003 and got the title of a City of Culinary Delights in 2008. Some of the most famous main sights of Graz are the Rathaus (town hall), the Schlossberg (the hill dominating the old town with it's demolished fortress) with the famous Clocktower (the symbol of Graz), the Dome with the Mausoleum of Emperor Ferdinand II, the Museum of Modern Art and the Murinsel (an artificial island in the city's river Mur). The city also has a long tradition as a student city: its six universities have more than 44.000 students.

www.steiermark.at

www.graz.at

www.ictmusic.org/group/ethnochoreology