# **UPCOMING ACF DC EVENTS**

January 29, 2024 | 7:00 PM

#### HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY CONCERT

### Songs & Ballads from Theresienstadt

The evening will feature renowned Austrian baritone Thomas Holzmair and pianist Olivier Godin with works composed at the concentration camp Theresienstadt.

February 6, 2024 | 7:00 PM

#### **ALPHA TRIANGULI**

The Vienna-based jazz quartet Alpha Trianguli will present their debut album "Entering Zero Gravity." The music of the four members - Alois Eberl (trombone), Florian Klinger (vibraphone), Philipp Kienberger (double bass) and Jakob Kammerer (drums) - is dedicated to cosmic phenomena, the beauty and vastness of outer space, and the preciousness of our home planet Earth.

February 15, 2024 | 7:00 PM

#### **JAKOB STEINKELLNER**

Jakob Steinkellner opens up unprecedented artistic worlds for the Styrian accordion, an instrument that until now has been firmly anchored in the cliché of folk music. In the program "Denkwechsel" (change of mindset) Steinkellner presents his latest compositions, which put the Styrian accordion in a completely new light.



# SIMONE KOPMAJER & BAND CHRISTMAS

Welcome by Johannes Aigner, Director of ACF DC

**DECEMBER 14, 2023 | 7:00 PM** 

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## **ABOUT THE ARTISTS**

**Simone Kopmajer** grew up in a family of musicians and started singing in her father's band at age 12. At the same time, she studied the piano, but singing remained her main passion. Her sound is located somewhere between jazz, swing and tasteful pop. Although her music is very relaxed, flowing and elegant, it is also very playful and varied – these multilayered facets distinguished her early off from similar formats and made her music all the more interesting.

**John di Martino** is a composer, arranger, jazz pianist, producer and educator, based in New York City. He is described as a "shape-shifter", for his creativity across musical genres. Mr. di Martino latest albums are "Passion Flower" and "Mazel". Di Martino was a long-time member of Ray Barretto's "New World Spirit."

**Yoshi Waki** was born in Fukuoka, Japan and began to play jazz bass at age of 20. After attending Berklee College of Music in Boston, he joined the National Tour Company of Fosse, a Tony Awarded musical show and traveled around the States before settling in New York City, where he quickly established himself as a sought-after sideman.

**Reinhardt Winkler** is a jazz drummer, composer and music educator. He teaches music also in cooperation with the University of Music and Performing Arts Graz and has led many workshops in Austria as well as other countries. As a performing jazz drummer, he has toured for many years throughout Europe, the USA, and Asia, and worked with cutting edge artists such as Wolfgang Puschnig, STS, Terry Myers, Jamaaladeen Tacuma, to name just a few.

**Philipp Egglmeier** is a Styrian accordion player and has performed in several ensembles. His solid training - including as a clarinetist in the Styrian military band - and his broad musical understanding are additional assets.

# TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

White Christmas (Irving Berlin)

Santa Claus is Comin' to Town (Fred Coots)

Leise rieselt der Schnee (Folk tune)

Feliz Navidad (Jose Feliziano)

Santa Baby (Joan Javits/T. Springer/Philipp Springer)

Over the Rainbow

Es wird scho glei dumpa (Folk tune)

Jingle Bells (James Lord Pierpont)

**Erzherzog Johann Jodler** (Folk tune)

Is finstra draußt (Folk tune)

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas (Hugh Martin/Ralph Blane)

**Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree** (Johnny Marks)

My Grown-Up Christmas List (David Foster)

The Most Wonderful Time (words & music: Simone Kopmajer)