



texts

Vienna Brass Connection. [vi'enə] [bra:s] [kə'nekʃən].

Packed with power, with the focus onto the only thing that matters: the moment. Here and now.

Seventeen brass players and three percussionists from Austria came together in Vienna to create an ensemble: the *Vienna Brass Connection*.

Not even the fact that they all hold positions in leading orchestras in Austria and Germany (Wiener Philharmoniker, Wiener Symphoniker, Wiener Staatsoper, Wiener Volksoper, Radio-Symphonieorchester Wien, Tonkünstler-Orchester Niederösterreich, Mozarteumorchester Salzburg, Grazer Philharmoniker, Bayerische Staatsoper München and WDR Sinfonieorchester Köln) has stopped them from forming an ensemble whose goal it is to captivate and thrill the audience.

// **Johannes Kafka** Dirigent | **Thomas Bachmair** Trompete | **Gerhard Berndl** Trompete | **Martin Griehl** Trompete | **Christian Hollensteiner** Trompete | **Johannes Moritz** Trompete | **Michael Schwaighofer** Trompete | **Peter Dorfmayr** Wiener Horn | **Manuel Egger** Wiener Horn | **Manuel Huber** Wiener Horn | **Klaus Leherbauer** Wiener Horn | **Stefan Obmann** Posaune | **Christian Poitinger** Bassposaune | **Martin Riener** Posaune, Euphonium | **Raphael Stieger** Posaune | **Christian Winter** Posaune, Euphonium | **Christoph Gigler** Tuba | **Markus Nimmervoll** Tuba | **Georg Hasibeder** Schlagwerk | **Leonhard Königseder** Schlagwerk | **Patrick Prammer** Schlagwerk // www.vienna-brass-connection.at //

The repertoire of the *Vienna Brass Connection* is very versatile. One thing is quite clear: a highlight chasing the next. It's gonna be loud, no question. But not everything that comes from the stage is fortissimo. Also quiet, intimate and epic moments are important dramaturgical elements of the program.

The *Vienna Brass Connection* plays specially selected music that reflects the whole spectrum of life: sometimes loud, sometimes quite, funny and sad, with all the ups and downs. This ensemble brings the music to the people. And in this way the people to the music.

The Vienna Brass Connection is a young brass ensemble that has yet to find its match. Just recently, when I heard the ensemble for the first time, I was gobsmacked and my ears couldn't believe what they had just heard. You can feel the tremendous energy of these young "super brass players", that seem to sprout like mushrooms here in Austria! They command my respect!

Hans Gansch, trumpet

The Vienna Brass Connection is a very unique ensemble full of esprit and charm. Listening to their music is a real pleasure. What the Vienna Brass Connection does is simply marvellous!

Cornelius Meister, conductor

A wonderful ensemble consisting of young, ambitious musicians who, not only, have incredible technical skills, but who also let you feel the utter joy they experience when making music together.

Dietmar Küblböck, Wiener Philharmoniker

What makes the Vienna Brass Connection so special is the young, dynamic musicians, the fantastic arrangements and the unique sound they have.

Alexander von Puttkamer, Berliner Philharmoniker

Music that takes you through all the physical states possible.

Where the flugelhorn sounds like a shy little squirrel; where the trombones and trumpets cut the air into tiny strips with their sharp sound and then, just a few moments later, tie them into beautiful ribbons; where horns can wear horns and tubas can be real tubas; where the percussion isn't banished to the off-beat; where a violin goes eye to eye with a herd of brass, tamed only through sensitive conducting, and a tenor goes against a brass avalanche and still comes out the other side as the radiant hero he is; where you get an hour of music you never would have expected, music which takes you through all physical states - there you will find "Open Minded", the Vienna Brass Connection's youngest offspring. Fantastic music, challenging arrangements, lead competently and intelligently by Johannes Kafka and interpreted wonderfully by each and every musician in the ensemble.

Leonhard Paul, Mnozil Brass