

Bayreuth Ticket Procedures for 2019: Kartenbüro and WSNY

To request tickets from the Bayreuth Festival: Following is official information from the Bayreuth Festival website: <http://www.bayreuther-festspiele.de/english>. Two procedures are possible.

1. **Mail and online orders.** The deadline for receipt of mail orders by the Kartenbüro (box office) is Oct. 15, 2018; for online orders, Oct. 31. Processing of orders begins after this date. If you applied but haven't heard by Jan. 15, 2019, it means you did not get tickets.
2. **Internet sales** for the 2019 Festival will begin on April 7, 2019. A portion of the tickets for all performances will be made available online at <http://bayreuther-festspiele.de/english>. If you requested but did not receive confirmation of tickets with the first procedure, you may order online via this procedure.

To request tickets from the Wagner Society of New York: We have applied for and expect to receive an allocation from the Richard Wagner Verband International (RWVI) of which we are a member, as we did in 2018. We are also a member of, and additional contributor to, the Gesellschaft der Freunde von Bayreuth. We receive a few tickets from them and from members who are unable to use the tickets for which they were invoiced. We make an equitable distribution, on the basis of our policies, to current members who apply. Please note our policies.

1. Current Society membership is a prerequisite for requesting tickets. Members of more than one year's standing will be given priority. "Non-resident" or "Student" or "Senior" members must upgrade to at least "Regular" or a higher category to obtain tickets through WSNY.
2. All requests for tickets must be specific and in writing and must indicate the general price range desired (high, medium, or low). Requests are accepted from September 1 on for the following summer. In addition to length of membership, they are considered in the sequence received. Send requests with **full contact information**—address, phone(s), and email (essential)—to the Society address: P.O. Box 230949, Ansonia Station, New York, NY 10023-0949. Email requests are accepted and desirable: wagnerring@aol.com. Please specify if there are dates when you cannot accept tickets. Tickets to individual operas are usually not available. One set per member only; dual memberships may request two. Requests are not held over from one year to the next. The full schedule is on the Bayreuth Festival website.
3. **We expect to receive tickets for the last week of the festival (August 24–28).** Tickets for other dates will only become available through members who cannot use their tickets and then offer them to the Society.
4. 2019 season (7/25-8/28): *Tannhäuser* (a new production, dir. Tobias Kratzer, cond. Valery Gergiev, 6 perf.) and 4 revivals: *Lohengrin* (cond. C. Thielemann, 7 perf.), *Die Meistersinger* (cond. P. Jordan, 6 perf.), *Parsifal* (cond. S. Bychkov, 7 perf.), *Tristan und Isolde* (cond. C Thielemann, 6 perf.)
5. Requests from members who received tickets previously will be considered after other requests have been filled, to maximize the distribution of tickets among the membership.
6. We call or email those applicants who will be offered tickets to inform them of the offer, with ticket prices and dates of performance. If applicants accept the offer, they must make full payment to the Society within two weeks.
7. All Society invoices for tickets include a 15% surcharge to cover handling expenses and will be used to make financial contributions to the Gesellschaft der Freunde von Bayreuth.
8. If a ticket holder is obliged to cancel plans to attend, he/she must notify the Society and return the tickets immediately; a refund (minus the 15% surcharge) will be made. This is required because the Society must offer canceled tickets to other members on its waiting list. We will only be able to refund tickets if the tickets can be resold.
8. Information on hotel accommodations or rooms in private homes can be provided by the Society, if requested.

There are no guarantees of tickets or dates. Check *Wagner Notes* or the WSNY website www.wagnersocietyny.org for any updated information. Please note that the Bayreuth Festival requires that you apply each year in order to keep your request active in their computer. You may also become a member of the Gesellschaft der Freunde von Bayreuth, which receives an allotment of tickets for its members (although it cannot fill all requests). Please see their respective websites for details. Their contact information is also given on the WSNY website links.

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