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Baltic Sea Philharmonic and Kristjan Järvi perform music from hit TV show *Babylon Berlin* with artists including Meret Becker and Max Raabe

- ***Babylon Berlin* live concert experience at Berlin's Theater des Westens on 11, 12 and 13 September**
- **Baltic Sea Philharmonic and Kristjan Järvi return to Berlin after 'Midnight Sun' tour in June 2023**
- **Impressive line-up of Johnny Klimek, Kristjan Järvi, Baltic Sea Philharmonic, Meret Becker, Max Raabe, Natalia Mateo, Madame Le Pustra, Eckart Runge & Jacques Ammon**

Berlin, 16 May 2023. After opening their 'Midnight Sun' summer tour at the Berlin Philharmonie on 21 June 2023, the **Baltic Sea Philharmonic** and **Kristjan Järvi** will return to Berlin in September. On 11, 12 and 13 September the orchestra will present the pulsating sounds of ***Babylon Berlin*** at the Theater des Westens, where it will be joined by an impressive artist line-up of Meret Becker, Max Raabe, Natalia Mateo, Madame Le Pustra, Cristina Russo, and Eckart Runge & Jacques Ammon. Under the musical direction of Johnny Klimek and Kristjan Järvi, this live premiere of the soundtrack from the popular TV series will be a breathtaking stage show. Projected images from the series will combine with the scintillating score to bring the heady atmosphere of Weimar-era Berlin to life. A large part of the performance will be recorded for ARD and presented as a special event to mark the premiere of the fourth season of *Babylon Berlin* at the beginning of October. The spectacular *Babylon Berlin* concert experience is a collaboration between TingelTangel and Sunbeam Productions, with the support of X Filme Creative Pool, the production company behind the TV series.

Baltic Sea Philharmonic – a revolution in music and culture

The Baltic Sea Philharmonic takes the orchestral concert experience to a new dimension. Every performance is a voyage of musical discovery, as the musicians perform the entire programme from memory, creating a one-of-a-kind artistic journey. Each concert is a unique spectacle of sound, light, visual art, technology, choreography and playing by heart, and under the electrifying baton of Music Director and Founding Conductor Kristjan Järvi every performance has a special energy that's absolutely infectious. But even more than this, as a community of musicians from ten Nordic countries, the Baltic Sea Philharmonic transcends boundaries and has become a movement for bringing people together. Embodying all that is innovative and progressive about



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the Nordic region, this visionary ensemble is taking the traditional orchestral model further than ever before. 'It is a living breathing creature, with boundless energy and enthusiasm for the new – an adventure in itself,' says Kristjan Järvi.

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Notes to editors:

'Midnight Sun'

Wednesday, 21 June 2023, 8.00pm, Philharmonie Berlin (Germany)
Thursday, 22 June 2023, 8.00pm, Elbphilharmonie Hamburg (Germany)
Friday, 23 June 2023, 7.30pm, Kissinger Sommer (Germany)

Baltic Sea Philharmonic Kristjan Järvi

Jean Sibelius / Kristjan Järvi: *Ascending Swans*
Kristjan Järvi: *Runic Prayer*
Maria Mutso: *Sireen*
Mintautas Kriščiūnas & Zuzanna Wąsiewicz: *Hollow in the tree*
Arvo Pärt: *Da Pacem*
Jean Sibelius: Symphony No. 2 (excerpts)
Kristjan Järvi: *Midnight Sun*
Georgs Pelēcis: *Concerto bianco*, second movement
Liis Jürgens: *The Dream of Tabu-tabu*
Igor Stravinsky: *The Firebird* (excerpts)

Ticket link Philharmonie Berlin: <https://www.eventim.de/event/baltic-sea-philharmonic-kristjan-jaervi-philharmonie-berlin-16707477/>

Babylon Berlin

11–13 September, Theater des Westens, Berlin

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Johnny Klimek
Meret Becker
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Ticket link Theater des Westens: <https://tingeltangel.berlin>

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About the Baltic Sea Philharmonic

The Baltic Sea Philharmonic is a unique Nordic orchestra that brings together musicians from Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russia and Sweden. The orchestra started life in 2008 as the Baltic Sea Youth Philharmonic on the initiative of the Usedom Music Festival. It quickly established an international reputation, not just for its acclaimed performances under the baton of Kristjan Järvi, but also with its powerful message of unity and cooperation in a historically divided region. In 2015 the orchestra's achievements were honoured with the prestigious European Culture Prize by the European Culture Foundation 'Pro Europe'. In 2016 the orchestra was renamed the Baltic Sea Philharmonic. Since then it has toured innovative programmes that throw classical music conventions out of the window and enable audiences to experience new musical dimensions. After becoming the first orchestra in the world to perform Stravinsky's *The Firebird* from memory, the Baltic Sea Philharmonic is now widely known for its commitment to playing entire programmes by heart. The orchestra's growing discography with Kristjan Järvi includes four acclaimed recordings for Sony Classical, the most recent of which is Järvi's own arrangement of Tchaikovsky's ballet *The Nutcracker*. Recorded by the orchestra completely from memory, *Nutcracker. A Dramatic Symphony* was released in December 2022. In addition, Max Richter's album *EXILES*, recorded by the Baltic Sea Philharmonic and Kristjan Järvi, was released in August 2021 on Deutsche Grammophon. In 2022 the Baltic Sea Philharmonic continued its innovative digital project 'Musical Chain', which it launched in 2020 in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. This unique series of classical remix videos brings musicians from the orchestra together with international artists and creative collaborators. In 2023 the Baltic Sea Philharmonic will once again be able to travel thousands of miles across Europe, beginning in June with its first 'Midnight Sun' tour of Germany. With 'Midnight Sun', the orchestra captures the magic of midsummer nights by weaving the special colours and rhythms of Nordic composers into a total artistic experience combining music, choreography, light and sound design. In September 2023 the orchestra and Kristjan Järvi will give further concerts in Germany and Italy in a second 'Midnight Sun' tour, complete with a new programme. www.baltic-sea-philharmonic.eu