

# Officers' Ball

January 20<sup>th</sup> 2023



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The Officers of the Austrian Armed Forces  
and the Alumni Association "Alt-Neustadt",  
with due respect,  
have the pleasure to announce the

# *Officers' Ball*

"Alt-Neustädter Ball"

to be held in the ceremonial rooms of the  
**Vienna Hofburg Palace**  
on January 20<sup>th</sup> 2023.

Entry: 20:00

Opening Ceremony: 21:30

Closing Ceremony: 04:00

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The proceeds of the event will be donated to charitable purposes.

## The Chief of Defense Staff



Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Distinguished guests of the Officers' Ball,

In my function as the Chief of Defence Staff of the Austrian Armed Forces and on behalf of the Alumni Association Alt-Neustadt, it is a particular honour for me to invite you to the 74<sup>th</sup> Officers' Ball in Hofburg Palace, to be held on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

For too long we have been suffering from the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic and been unable to attend social events. We, the soldiers, have been called upon to assist in combating the pandemic both nationally and internationally and in cooperation with other organisations.

The Austrian Armed Forces are not merely an operational organisation, but also significantly contribute to cultural life. In this way, in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, numerous military bandmasters enriched musical life with their wonderful compositions and were cheered with their orchestras, not only in Austria but also on international tours.

Carl Michael Ziehrer was definitely one of the most renowned of them. In his memory we chose his famous waltz Herrreinspaziert for this year's ball motto. The waltz with its distinctive drum roll does not only herald the Officers' Ball, it is also a musical invitation to you, dear ball guests, to come together in Vienna Hofburg Palace on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

As your hosts the officers of the Austrian Armed Forces and the Alumni Association Alt-Neustadt look forward to welcoming you in the imperial ambience of Hofburg Palace and invite you to enjoy a blend of military culture and Viennese ball tradition of a lavish ball night.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Rudolf Striedinger'. The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized script.

Mag. Rudolf Striedinger  
General



# *Come and waltz in!*

This invitation is not only the name of a well-known waltz composed by the former Military Band Leader C.M.Ziehrer but is also our appeal to all ardent ball visitors!

It is a pleasure to be able to reopen the doors to the Viennese Imperial Palace after the shutdown of our social lives due to Covid-19 and to invite you into our wonderfully elegant historical rooms for a spectacular ball night!

Our hunger for social events, for happy times spent with dear friends, for music and dancing has naturally inspired us ball organizers to offer you a very special evening.

The essence of the ball though remains our classy and with military pomp and gloria polished opening ceremony and the midnight show, characteristic of the traditions of the Viennese Ball culture. We are proud to announce that a Swiss delegation, led by Switzerland's Chief of the Armed Forces, has accepted our invitation to be our guests of honor for this memorable night. The performance during our midnight show involving music and dancing will give you an understanding of the special ties between our countries Switzerland and Austria.

Tickets can be purchased via Homeprint, making the process easier and more reliable. On that note, check out our homepage and reserve your tickets so that on January 20<sup>th</sup> we may welcome you with the following words: "come and waltz in"!

Note: As the situation concerning the corona pandemic cannot yet be predicted for January 2023, we cannot guarantee that the ball will be held as planned and would like to point out that the ball may have to be cancelled. We will inform you of any changes in due time and hope for a virus-free 2023 Officer's Ball.

# Programme

The evening's programme will be presented by Mr Alfons Haider.

**21:30**

Opening ceremony in the main ballroom

**Opening fanfare**

Entry of the Young Ladies' and Young Gentlemen's Committee

Entry of the guests of honour

National Anthem, Anthem of Europe

**Show programme**

Vocal performance

Guards Band display

"Fächerpolonaise" performed by the Young Ladies'  
and Young Gentlemen's Committee

Dance performance by the Young Ladies' and Young Gentlemen's Committee

**Welcome address**

Welcome address by the Chief of Defence Staff and chairman  
of the Alt-Neustadt Association

Ball opening by the Federal Minister of Defence

Opening waltz performed by the Young Ladies' and Gentlemen's Committee

**24:00**

**Midnight show in the main ballroom**

**Showprogramme**

**"From Vienna to Bern"**

A musical and dance performance

**01:30**

**"This is how we dance in Austria"**

Demonstrations with guest participation in the main ballroom

**02:30**

**Late Night Show in the forum**

**04:00**

**Taps in the main ballroom, end of the Ball**



## Corona rules

Any admission rules for the Officers' Ball  
will be announced on our website.

## Reservations

Now accepting reservations per e-mail.

Please note that your entry tickets and table reservations are only valid  
when payment is made by the date stated on the reservation confirmation.

## Online-Sale

From October 1<sup>st</sup> 2022

Via Internet: [www.ballderoffiziere.at](http://www.ballderoffiziere.at)

Bank account: Erste Bank, BIC GIBAATWW, IBAN AT79 2011 1212 7379 4205

## Sale at the ball office

From December 12<sup>th</sup> to December 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022

and from January 9<sup>th</sup> to January 19<sup>th</sup> 2023

On working days from 14:00 to 18:00, Schwarzenbergplatz 1

Ticket issuing in the Hofburg Palace on January 20<sup>th</sup> 2023

from 11:00 to 15:00

Payment by cash, VISA- or MASTER- and MAESTRO-Card.

## Ball office

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Copy deadline: October 10<sup>th</sup> 2022

Note: In case you receive multiple invitations, this is because of different data  
sources, which cannot be harmonized due to privacy policies.

## Ticket prices

Advance sale tickets	€	95,00
Student tickets*	€	45,00
Seat reservations	from €	25,00

Tickets at the box office [evening] € 100,00  
From 19:00 to 24:00 in the lobby of Hofburg Palace  
Phone +43 1 536 44 217

\* Only up to 26 years of age with a valid university ID!

Please note that paid tickets cannot be refunded –  
except in the case of the ball being cancelled due to COVID-19.

## Dresscode

Ladies: Floor length evening dress,  
uniform

Gentlemen: Black tailcoat [with decorations],  
black dinner jacket/tuxedo, uniform

The visual appearance of the ball guests is essential  
for the festive atmosphere of the ball.

The ball committee reserves the right to refuse entry  
to inappropriately dressed guests.

Eight bands in 20 halls of the Vienna Hofburg Palace offering  
different styles of dance music will guarantee an entertaining ball night.

The forum, the forum with cocktail bar, the wine tavern in the treasury hall  
and various champagne bars round off the offer for our guests.

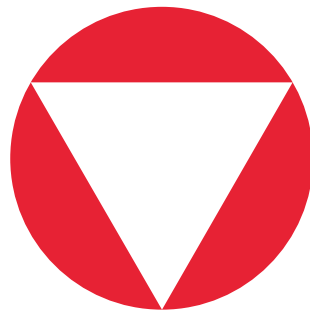
Distinguished ball guest!

In accordance with § 13 of the Austrian Tobacco Act, Federal Law Gazette  
No. 431/1995, with the latest amendments, we would like to inform you that  
smoking is forbidden within the Hofburg Palace.

The smoking ban applies to all premises of the Hofburg Palace.

We thank you for your support.

We thank our partners



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HOTEL HERRENHOF

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As a special service this year, the ball committee has endeavoured to organise a restful night's sleep in a first-class Vienna city centre hotel in addition to a spectacular ball night. Right in the middle of Vienna's historical centre, only 250 m from the Hofburg, the Steigenberger Hotel Herrenhof emerges, waiting to welcome you as cherished guests with an extraordinary offer.

Please make your booking\*  
by 23.12.2022 via  
the following QR-Code.



\* The booking is at your own expense and is in no way connected to the ball organisation.

Further hotel offers can be found at [www.ballderoffiziere.at](http://www.ballderoffiziere.at)