



77<sup>th</sup> Officers' Ball  
Program  
January 16<sup>th</sup> 2026  
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# The Chief of Defence Staff Rudolf Striedinger

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,  
distinguished guests of the Officers' Ball 2026!

As Chief of the General Staff of the Austrian Armed Forces and President of the alumni association "Alt-Neustadt" it is my honour to invite you to the 77<sup>th</sup> Officers' Ball at the Vienna Hofburg on Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> 2026. We are pleased to welcome the Italian Armed Forces as our partners and have therefore chosen "Roses of the South" as the motto for the ball.

Johann Strauss Jr. created a musical monument to the queen of flowers with his waltz of the same name „Rosen aus dem Süden“, which he dedicated to King Umberto I of Italy in 1880.

The rose is probably the most frequently sung about, painted, or written about flower in literature. The most noble flower blooms in countless colours and enchants with its fragrance, while at the same time being able to defend itself against impetuous advances with its thorns.

The Officers' Ball is undoubtedly one of the most elegant balls of the Vienna Carnival season: the imperial ambience of Vienna's Hofburg, ballrooms decorated with flowers, colourful uniforms, dazzling ball gowns, an international flair and a medley of dance music in a wide variety of styles - this ball night blossoms like a rose on a cold January evening.

The Austrian Armed Forces are the strategic reserve of the Republic of Austria. In cooperation with other European armed forces, they contribute to securing peace, and their core task is - in case of emergency - military national defence. At the same time, they are cultural ambassadors and additionally know how to celebrate and dance. Like a rose with its thorns, the Austrian Armed Forces can present themselves culturally or be defence-ready.

The officers of the Austrian Armed Forces and the members of the alumni association "Alt-Neustadt" as your hosts would like to welcome you, ladies and gentlemen, to the 77<sup>th</sup> Officers' Ball and wish you a wonderful night.

Yours faithfully

Rudolf Striedinger  
General

# Federal President Alexander van der Bellen

Ladies and gentlemen,  
distinguished guests of the Officers' Ball,



The alumni association of the Theresian Military Academy, the "Alt-Neustadt" association, is once again organizing the traditional Officers' Ball this year, together with the officers of the Austrian Armed Forces.

As Federal President and Commander-in-Chief of the Austrian Armed Forces, I am delighted to be the patron of this traditional and popular ball.

The Officers' Ball is a high-caliber cultural event, a ball evening in the best Viennese tradition, offering friends of Viennese ball culture from many countries around the world the opportunity to enjoy a wonderful evening.

Against the backdrop of the procurement of new helicopters and aircraft, I am particularly pleased that the Italian Armed Forces have taken on the partnership for this year's ball.

Dear guests, by attending the Officers' Ball 2026, you are expressing your appreciation and solidarity with the Austrian Armed Forces and its officers.

I would like to thank you for this and wish you an entertaining and unforgettable evening in the resplendent splendor of the Hofburg.



*A. van der Bellen*



# Program

## Opening Ceremony

9.30 p.m.

### Opening Fanfare

Entry of the Young Ladies' and Gentlemen's Committee

Entry of the guests of honor

Austrian National Anthem, European Anthem

### Show Program

Vocal Performance

Kammersänger Clemens Unterreiner

„Fin ch'an dal Vino“ from the Opera

*Don Giovanni* by W.A. Mozart

„Dein ist mein ganzes Herz“ by Franz Lehár,

from the Operetta *Land des Lächelns*

Guards band display by Banda dell'Esercito Italiano and

Gardemusik Wien

„Fächerpolonaise“ performed by Young Ladies'

and Gentlemen's Committee

Dance performance by Young Ladies'

and Gentlemen's Committee

„Annina Polka Mazur op. 415“ v. Johann Strauss Sohn

from the Operetta *Eine Nacht in Venedig*

### Welcome Address

Welcome Address by the Chief of Defence Staff and  
chairman of the alumni association „Alt-Neustadt“

Ball opening by the Federal Minister of Defence

### Opening Waltz

„Rosen aus dem Süden“ op.388 v. Johann Strauss Sohn

performed by the Young Ladies' and Gentlemen's Committee and the waltz formation of Elmayer Dance School

# Program



## Midnight Show

12 a.m.

## Show Program

### „La Dolce Vita – Vienna and Italy“

performed by Kammersängerin Ildikó Raimondi  
and Banda dell` Esercito Italiano

## Audience Quadrille

## Folk Dances

1.15 a.m.

### „This is Austria“

dance-along performance

## Late Night Show

2.30 a.m.

„Italo Show“ performed by the band Dolce Vita

## Closing Ceremony

4.00 a.m.



# Musics

## Main Ballroom

09:30 – 10:45 p.m. Guards Ball Orchester

11:15 – 11:40 p.m.

00:30 – 01:15 a.m.

01:45 – 02:15 a.m.

02:45 – 03:15 a.m.

03:40 – 04:00 a.m.

Audience Quadrille

10:45 – 11:15 p.m.

Guards Gala Band

11:40 – 12:00 p.m.

01:15 – 01:45 a.m.

02:15 – 02:45 a.m.

03:15 – 03:40 a.m.

## Banda dell'Esercito Italiano und der Gardemusik Wien

09:50 – 10:10 p.m.

Opening

12:00 – 00:30 a.m.

Midnight Show

## Zeremoniensaal

Wiener Walzertraum

10:30 – 12:00 p.m.

00:30 – 01:15 a.m.

02:15 – 03:00 a.m.

03:20 – 03:55 a.m.

01:15 – 02:15 a.m.

Else and friends  
„So tanzt Österreich“

## 2. Radezky Appartment

09:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Jazz Duo Ada Kaled

11:45 – 01:30 a.m.

02:00 – 03:30 a.m.

## Metternichsaal

10:30 – 11:40 p.m.

40th Army Band of the

00:30 – 03:50 a.m.

Vermont National Guard

11:40 – 11:55 p.m.

Performance HSV Zwölfaxing

# Overview



## Rittersaal

Trio „Primavera“

09:30 – 12:00 p.m.

01:00 – 04:00 a.m.

## Forum

Madmixx

09:00 – 11:40 p.m.

12:00 – 01:20 a.m.

01:40 – 02:30 a.m.

03:00 – 03:50 a.m.

## Performance

HSV Zwölfaxing

10:20 – 10:40 p.m.

Late Night Show Dolce Vita

02:30 – 03:00 a.m.

## Piano Saloon

Pianist Andreas Reisinger

08:15 – 09:00 p.m.

10:00 – 10:45 p.m.

12:00 – 00:45 a.m.

01:45 – 02:15 a.m.

## Hit Disco

09:00 – 10:00 p.m.

11:00 – 12:00 p.m.

00:45 – 01:45 a.m.

02:15 – 03:45 a.m.

## Garden Hall

Disco

10:30 p.m. – 03:50 a.m.



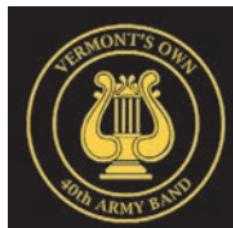
## Our Artists

### Banda musicale dell'Esercito Italiano



The Italian Army Band is a military band founded in 1964. It is based in Rome and represents the Italian Army musically. It is currently the oldest military band in the Italian armed forces and is subordinate to the Capital Military Command.

### 40th Army Band of the Vermont National Guard



The 40th Army Band of the Vermont National Guard has maintained a tradition of musical excellence since 1907. As part time soldiers their members dedicate time and talent to meet the musical missions, both military and civilian, of the State. In addition to their musical missions the 40th Army Band is routinely called upon first to aid in natural disaster relief throughout the great State of Vermont.

# Introduction



## Dancing school „Elmayer“ and the Viennese-Waltz Formation



This traditional Viennese dance school, founded in 1919 by the legendary cavalry captain Elmayer-Vestenbrugg, has been teaching young and old the joy of dancing for over a hundred years. As head of the dance school, Thomas Schäfer-Elmayer teaches not only the right dance steps but also good manners. As the organizer of many ball openings, the Elmayer Dance School has been cultivating the cultural heritage of the Viennese ball tradition for many decades. With the „Viennese Waltz Formation“, the classic and thus most traditional formation of the Elmayer Dance School is also present at the Officers' Ball.

## Wiener Walzertraum [Dance Music in the Zeremoniensaal]



The Ladies have set their goal at holding aloft the Viennese Waltz and Johann Strauss' traditions that go with it. Accordingly,

the musical leader, Mrs. Dorer, is both the conductor and first violin. The special aura of the Ladies Band "Wiener Walzertraum" comes from specialised training, international concert experience and is coupled with love of the Viennese music.

## Andreas Reisinger, Pianist [Piano-Music in the Piano-Saloon]



The composer and arranger plays live in the piano saloon and puts you in the right mood for soulful moments with his melodies and empathy.



# Our Artists

## Else and friends

[at 01:15 a.m. in Zeremoniensaal]

The lovers of original Austrian folk music and specifically traditional folk dances can enjoy some of the very best when Else Schmidt and her ensemble of players and dancers invite you not only to listen but to join in!



## Idikó Raimondi

Idikó Raimondi is not only an acclaimed opera singer, but also a well-known songinterpret and concert singer. She was a member of the Vienna State Opera for 30 years, where she performed over 50 opera roles. Since 2015, she has been a professor of solo singing at the Mozarteum University in Salzburg. In addition to her work as a singer, she has also been the artistic director of the Schubertiaden in Atzenbrugg since 2024 and she has engagements at several national and international festivals. Both in solo performances and together with her students, Kammersängerin Raimondi dazzles at the Officers' Ball with her lively and rousing performances.



## Clemens Unterreiner

Clemens Unterreiner is an Austrian "Kammersänger", cultural manager and artistic director of the opera BURG GARS. As an internationally sought-after baritone, he regularly appears on major opera and concert stages worldwide and is also a soloist and ensemble member of the Vienna State Opera. As an Austrian cultural ambassador, he complements his artistic work with international master classes, cultural projects and the promotion of young Austrian classical talents. With his charitable association HILFSTÖNE, he has been intensively committed to helping people in need for many years and is particularly committed to the inclusion of blind and visually impaired people in art and culture.



# Roses of the South



Italy is the most popular holiday destination for Austrians. In addition to breathtaking beaches and bays, beautiful landscapes and many cultural treasures, we are particularly enchanted by the cheerfulness and joy of our Italian neighbours and their love for the finer things in life. And it is precisely these emotions that we want to experience together with you during a glittering ball night.

Italy has been linked to Austria for centuries in many ways. One connection to Italy in musical terms dates back to 1880, when Johann Strauss Jr. composed the waltz 'Roses of the South'. He dedicated this waltz, with its wonderful melodies, to the then Italian King Umberto I.

As the Officers' Ball 2026 has the honour of welcoming the Italian Chief of Defence Staff, it is only natural to choose this waltz title as the motto for this special ball night. When you hear Johann Strauss' masterpiece during the opening waltz, you will be enchanted not only by the dreamlike effect of the ballroom, but also by the perfect harmony of the music and the graceful dance performances on the dance floor.

The rose, as the queen of flowers, is a wonderful symbol of love. And isn't a ball night in the magnificently decorated Vienna Hofburg the ideal place to celebrate life with loved ones, friends and partners? So let yourself be carried away to the dance floor by the sounds of Strauss in waltz-time against the impressive atmosphere of the Vienna Hofburg and enjoy an unforgettable ball night!



# Good to know

## Lost and Found

Dear ball guests,

if you have lost any items during the ball, be advised that you can pick them up until January 17<sup>th</sup> 2026, 05:00 a.m. in the office of the ball committee in the hall near the main stairs. Items which haven't been picked up by then will be brought to the Central Lost and Found Service of the City of Vienna.

## No Smoking Rule

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 on the premises of the Hofburg Palace.

The smoking ban applies to all ballrooms of the Hofburg Palace.  
We ask for your understanding and thank you for your support.

## Ballcommittee

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Save the Date



78th Officers' Ball

January 15<sup>th</sup> 2027



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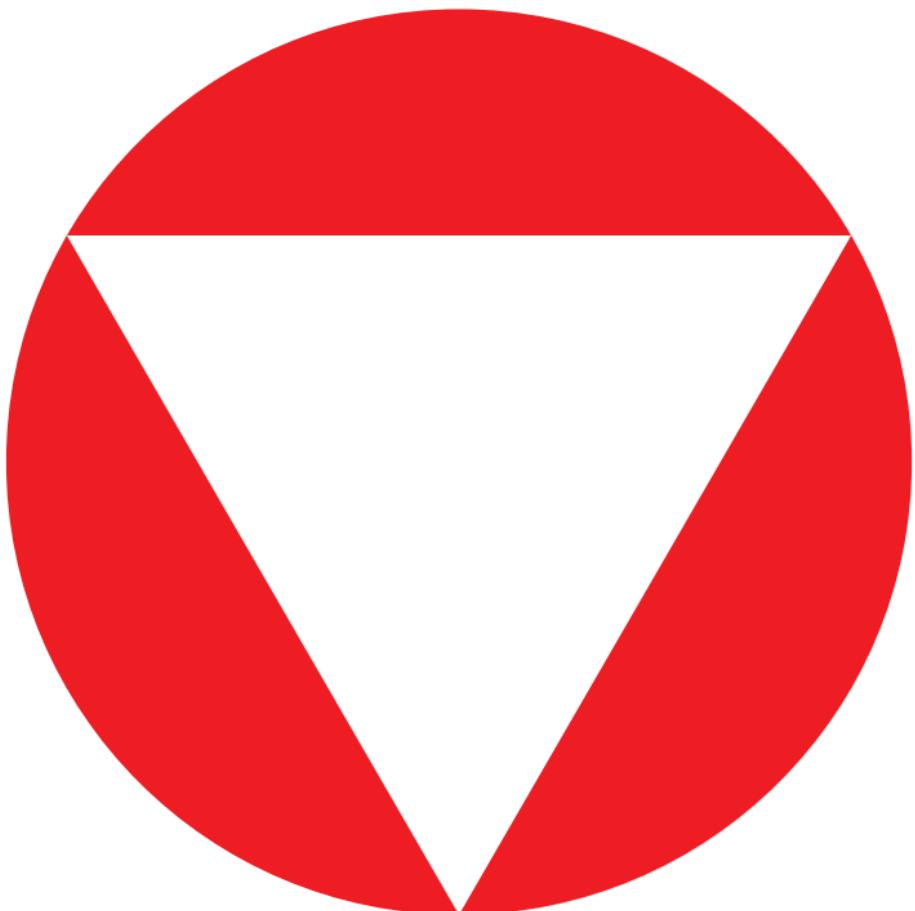
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