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Program

18:30 Ceremony and concert

Speech by H.E. Kiyoshi Koinuma

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Austria

Music by Prof. Rainer Küchl (v) and Meinhard Prinz (p)

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Sonata for violin and piano, in A-major, D 574

Speech by Ambassador Dr. Teresa Indjein

Director General for Cultural Policy,

Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs

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I. Tatsunosuke Koshitani (1909-1982)

Hatsukoi (First Love)

II. Tsuneo Fukuhara (1932-)

Basyofu (Japanese Banana Cloth)

III. Teiichi Okano (1878-1941)

Furusato (Hometown)

IV. Kousaku Yamada (1886-1965)

Karatachi no Hana (Orange Flower)

V. Kousaku Yamada

Akatonbo (Red Dragonfly)

19:30 Buffet

Toast by Dr. Diethard Leopold

President of Austrian-Japanese Society

Prof. Rainer KÜCHL (Violin)

At the age of 11 he started to learn the violin. From 1964-1970 he studied at the University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna with Franz Samohyl. In 1971 he was appointed concertmaster of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra and the Wiener Staatsoper Orchestra. In 1972 he became concertmaster of the Hofmusikkapelle (Court Music Orchestra). In 1973 he formed the Küchl-Quartet, also known as the Vienna Musikverein Quartet. Since 1976, the Vienna Musikverein Quartet has had a regular concert series in the Brahmsaal of the Musikverein in Vienna. As a soloist Rainer Küchl has worked with some of the world's most famous orchestras and conductors, such as Karl Böhm, Leonard Bernstein, Claudio Abbado and Riccardo Muti. In 1982 he was appointed full professor at the University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna. For his outstanding contribution to music he was awarded the Austrian Cross of Honour for Science and Arts (1988), the Order of Merit of Services rendered to the Republic of Austria, Grand Decoration (1994) and the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon of the Japanese government (2010).



Meinhard PRINZ (Piano)

At the age of 7 he started to study piano. From 1967-1975 he studied at the Carinthian State Conservatory under Walter Langer and later at the Liszt-Ferenc Academy of Music in Budapest and the University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna. Since 1982 he teaches at the University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna. As soloist and accompanist he has played concerts in several European countries as well as in Japan, the Philippines, Korea, Turkey, Egypt and the USA. He performed at international music festivals, including Wiener Festwochen, Bregenz Festival or Carinthian Summer Music Festival.

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