

## Preview of 1000 Years of Leipzig

**This year, Leipzig celebrates the 1000th anniversary of its first documented mentioning – 1000 years that has made Leipzig what it is today – a multi-faceted city, a city made up of its people. Therefore, a program for this festival year has been created that speaks to a wide audience – young and old alike, to the citizens of Leipzig as well as to the city’s many guests. With the Longest Civic Festival, “Lipsia’s Lions” Street Theatre Festival and the Gewandhaus Orchestra Festival Concert, Leipzig 2015 e. V. is organizing the central highlights of the anniversary. Additionally, the 2015 calendar is enriched by numerous other events.**

### *Longest Civic Festival in the Region*

In 2015, there are more venues in Leipzig and in the region than ever before in connection with a city-wide event. Whether intercultural festivals, funfairs, children’s festivals or sporting events – the Longest Civic Festival that the region has ever seen stretches from April to well into the autumn. It commences on 30 April with the Civic Ball in the New Town Hall. In May, the Preliminary Canter at the Scheibenholtz Racecourse, the Soap Box Race and the Water Festival in Thekla will be the first highlights. In June, the BELANTIS Theme Park opens its doors for Children’s Day, the Leipzig Fire Department celebrates its 150th anniversary and classic and vintage cars enthusiasts will mark the European Auto Classic Leipzig in their calendar. From then until the Passage Festival and Market Days in September, the various courtyard, street and folk festivals, such as at the Dölitz Water Mill, at Connewitzer Kreuz or Liebertwolkwitz, will distinguish character and charm of this Longest Civic Festival.

### *“1000 Years of Leipzig” Festival Week*

The central highlight in the anniversary year is the Festival Week from 31 May to 7 June 2015, starting with the “Lipsia’s Lions” Street Theatre Festival on 30 May. The following five days – Sunday to Thursday – are devoted to various themes, which will be brought to life on Marktplatz.



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### ***“Lipsia’s Lions” Street Theatre Festival***

On 30 May, Leipzig is turning into a stage presenting the history and the importance of the city from past to present. “Lipsia’s Lions” Street Theatre Festival begins with a civic brunch in five different parts of the city. These locations are, at the same time, performance venue and the starting point of a street theatre performance focussed on sending “Lipsia’s Lions” through the streets of Leipzig – five moving sculptures symbolising themes of the city – business and trade, art and culture, books and media, sport and the environment, as well as science and education. The larger than life figures capture the people and march along with them on routes converging in the city centre, where they meet Lipsia, the Goddess of the City and the sixth figure, symbolising the citizenship and the values of Leipzig. Theater Titanick and FAIRNET are going to materialize this imaginative production combining theatre, music, action and concept art into a unique overall choreography.

### ***Closing Ceremony***

On 20 December 2015, the date commemorating the first documented mentioning of Leipzig, the “1000 Years of Leipzig” festival year will be officially concluded. All citizens and guests of the city are cordially invited to Augustusplatz, where a grand birthday cake with 1000 candles will be cut in an exciting atmosphere.

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# Calendar of Events 2015 (Selection)

Ongoing until 25/05/  
**Exhibition: "Paul Klee. In a Class of His Own - Priceless"**  
Museum of Fine Arts Leipzig

Ongoing until 04/10/  
**Exhibition: "500 Years of Printing and Publishing City of Leipzig"**  
Museum of the Printing Arts Leipzig

## April

30/04/  
**Kick-off to the Longest Civic Festival of the Region: Civic Ball**  
New Town Hall

## May

06/05/-31/07/  
**Exhibition: "POMPOSA – Violins for Bach. The Hoffmann Workshop in Leipzig"**  
GRASSI Museum of Musical Instruments

14-17/05/  
**Festival: "Leipzig Romantic Era"**  
Paulinum

17-24/05/  
**First Festival Week "850 Years of St. Nicholas"**  
St. Nicholas Church, City Centre

20/05/-25/10/  
**Exhibition: "1015. The Inception of Leipzig"**  
Stadtgeschichtliches Museum Leipzig

22-31/05/  
**Wagner Festival Leipzig**  
Leipzig Opera, neighbourhoods

31/05/-07/06/  
**Festival Week "1000 Years of Leipzig"**  
City Centre, among others:

» 31/05/  
**Street Theatre Festival "Lipsia's Lions"**  
Neighbourhoods

» 05-07/06/  
**Leipzig City Festival**  
City Centre

## June

03/06/  
**Night of the Open Houses of Worship**  
Neighbourhoods

05/06/  
**Premiere: Bertolt Brecht "Baal"**  
Schauspiel Leipzig

12-21/06/  
**Leipzig Bach Festival 2015**  
Marktplatz

14/06/  
**Premiere: "I'll be back! How buffoon expelled the Neuberin"**  
Summer theatre in front of  
Gohliser Schlösschen (Gohlis Palace)

13/06/  
**Open Air: Herbert Grönemeyer**  
Red Bull Arena

27/06/-05/07/  
**Festival Week:  
850 Years of Leipzig Fairs**  
City Centre

28/06/-05/07/  
**Jewish Week**  
Neighbourhoods

June  
**European Canoe Slalom Championships**  
Kanupark Markkleeberg

## July

10-11/07/  
**Festival Days: 600 Years of University Medicine**  
among others, Augustusplatz

20/07/-28/08/  
**Exhibition: "Goerdeler"**  
New Town Hall

## August

07-16/08/  
**Classic Open**  
Marktplatz

22/08/  
**Open Air: Die Toten Hosen**  
Festwiese Leipzig

29/08/  
**Open Air: Unheilig**  
at the Monument to the  
Battle of Nations

August  
**Tennis: LEIPZIG OPEN**  
Leipziger Tennisclub

## September

12-20/09/  
**Mendelssohn Festival Days**  
Neighbourhoods

21-27/09/  
**Congress and Festival:  
"Culture | Standpoint. Definition"**  
Neighbourhoods

## October

09/10/  
**Leipzig Festival of Lights**  
Augustusplatz

11/10/  
**DFB International Cap  
Germany – Georgia**  
Red Bull Arena

15-25/10/  
**25th Lachmesse**  
Neighbourhoods

20-26/10/  
**19th Leipzig Literary Autumn**  
Neighbourhoods

23-25/10/  
**GRASSIMESSE**  
GRASSI Museum of Applied Arts

23-25/10/  
**Designers' Open**  
Neue Messe

31/10/  
**Leipzig Opera Ball**  
Oper Leipzig

31/10/2015-30/04/2016  
**Exhibition: "Jukeboxes from Leipzig"**  
GRASSI Museum for Musical Instruments

## November

03-08/11/  
**25th euro-scene**  
Neighbourhoods

24/11/-23/12/  
**Leipzig Christmas Market**  
City Centre

## December

20/12/  
**Official Closing Ceremony  
Birthday Cake with 1000 Candles**  
City Centre

*As of April 2015, subject to change*