

## ORF WINS CZECH TELEVISION AWARD AT GOLDEN PRAGUE

**The documentary “A Theater for a Symphony” has successfully emerged from the judging and secured a nomination and win at this year’s prestigious Golden Prague International Television Festival.**

*VIENNA/PRAGUE* – The Golden Prague Festival annually honors outstanding films focusing on music, dance, and theater. This year, the ORF/WDR co-production “**A Theater for a Symphony**” not only secured a nomination but went on to win the Czech Television Award. The international jury recognized the film for its compelling content and its innovative use of cutting-edge digital technologies to virtually reconstruct Vienna’s long-lost “Kärntnertortheater” – the stage of Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony world premiere in 1824. The documentary offers today’s viewers an authentic and captivating glimpse into what that historic first performance may have sounded and looked like.

### HONORED FOR A UNIQUE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE PAST

“**A Theater for a Symphony**” takes viewers back over 200 years to Vienna’s historical “Kärntnertortheater”, where Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony premiered. Through stunning 3D technology, the documentary brings the theater, that was demolished in 1870, back to life and explores the captivating creation of Beethoven’s masterpiece. The film takes on the chaotic premiere, interviews musicologists and offers insights from Beethoven’s so-called “Conversation Books”, containing invaluable records of his life and thoughts. The film concludes with the Wiener Akademie Orchestra performing the “Ode to Joy” from Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony on a digitally recreated stage of the historic Kärntnertortheater.

“**A Theater for a Symphony**” is a co-production by ORF and WDR, directed by Barbara Weissenbeck and distributed worldwide by ORF-Enterprise.

### ABOUT ORF-ENTERPRISE

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**SUMMARY:**

- ORF was honored with the Czech Television Award at Golden Prague Festival for their documentary "**A Theater for a Symphony**".
- The documentary is distributed worldwide by ORF-Enterprise ([contentsales.ORF.at](https://contentsales.ORF.at)).