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## Looking ahead to three highlights of the KunstFestSpiele 2024.

Advance booking opens with an early-bird discount of 20% for Leonard Bernstein's **MASS**, Ming Wong's **Rhapsody in Yellow** and Lia Rodrigues's **Encantado**.

Advance booking opens today for three outstanding productions coming to the 15th KunstFestSpiele Herrenhausen in May/June 2024. Buy your tickets now – and until 31 January 2024 – to get a 20% discount on the full price. The complete programme of the KunstFestSpiele, taking place in Hanover, Germany, from 16.05 to 02.06.2024, will be published in March 2024.

Leonard Bernstein's large-scale **MASS**, conducted by Ingo Metzmacher with over 400 participants at 11 a.m. on Sunday 26.05, takes the form of a colourful Broadway religious service. Written in 1971, the work is one of Bernstein's most spectacular compositions along with *West Side Story* in its blend of jazz, classical music, pop songs and gospel. **MASS** can be heard in its full version for the first time in Hanover. The concert performance of the work, subtitled **Theater Piece for Singers, Players, and Dancers**, is given by the Grammy award-winner Lucas Meachem as the Celebrant, soloists from the jazz choir Vivid Voices, the NDR Radiophilharmonie and a total of nine choirs from Hanover: Vivid Voices (the HMTMH jazz choir), Bachchor Hannover, Capella St. Crucis Hannover, Collegium Vocale Hannover, Johannes-Brahms-Chor Hannover, Junges Vokalensemble Hannover, Knabenchor Hannover, Mädchenchor Hannover and the Norddeutscher Figuralchor.

At a time of increasing tension between the major powers the United States and China, the Berlin-resident Singaporean director Ming Wong presents a virtuoso musical-filmic performance on Friday 17.05 at 7.30 p.m. **Rhapsody in Yellow: A Ping Pong Piano Battle** is a wild encounter between the two pianists Ben Kim and Mark Taratushkin at the Schauspiel Hannover beneath a big screen showing footage of international piano competitions, historical concerts and high-speed table-tennis matches.

In **Encantado** the Brazilian dancer and choreographer Lia Rodrigues transforms the stage of the DHC-Halle into the florid magical world of the enchanted beings who animate with world through mystical forces according to Brazilian indigenous cultures (the so called *encantados*). With hundreds of colourful fabrics from the markets of Rio de Janeiro, and accompanied by the music of the Guarani Mbya people, the dance performance is a powerful demonstration of diversity and love of life, and a sign of resistance against the extensive destruction of indigenous territory.

**Tickets:** from €14 / reduced from €7 plus charges. Available at the Künstlerhaus Hannover advance-booking office under +49 (0)511 / 168-49994, Schauspiel Hannover (only Rhapsody in Yellow), Eventim, at [www.kunstfestspiele.de](http://www.kunstfestspiele.de) or at the door on the day of performance.

**Early-bird discount** of 20% on the normal ticket price until 31.01.2024.

For the programme booklet, newsletter and further information about the 15th KunstFestSpiele please visit [www.kunstfestspiele.de](http://www.kunstfestspiele.de)

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