

The grand finale: artistic director and conductor Ingo Metzmacher invites you to his last KunstFestSpiele weekend. Never before have more tickets been sold than in 2025. The open-air productions in the Großer Garten shaped the 16th edition of the Hanover festival.

The last festival edition of the KunstFestSpiele Herrenhausen by artistic director and conductor Ingo Metzmacher comes to a successful end on Sun 08.06. More than 10,000 tickets have been sold to date, and a total of more than 20,000 people attended the productions of the 16th edition of the KunstFestSpiele Herrenhausen. The occupancy rate of the venues was around 90% and many events were sold out. Audience interest in all artistic genres was higher than ever before.

Highlights of the 2025 edition of the festival were the opening production 11,000 Strings by composer Georg Friedrich Haas with 50 pianos in the DHC-Halle and the choreography Habitat / Herrenhausen in the Großer Garten.

On the KunstFestSpiele Tag on Sun 01.06 alone, around 3,000 curious first-time and regular visitors came to the KunstFestSpiele and the gardens. Parkmusik für Herrenhausen with 146 musicians in the Großer Garten was particularly popular on this day with more than 1,000 visitors. In the gallery, the light and sound installation Sunrise for the Sleepers also attracted more than 1,000 interested people with free admission.

Ingo Metzmacher, Artistic Director of the KunstFestSpiele Herrenhausen 2016-2025: "I am very happy about the course of this last KunstFestSpiele for which I am responsible. The audience's lively and steadily growing response to the performances fills me with pride and joy. It rewards the development work of the past years and the tireless efforts of the entire team. Ten years of KunstFestSpiele will remain unforgettable for me. I would like to expressly thank everyone who has supported me."

On the closing weekend, the audience can look forward to dance, music and circus productions, including Moritz Ostruschnjak's **NON + ULTRAS, ORBIT - A War Series** by Brigitta Muntendorf in the DHC-Halle, the Feinkost Lampe concert with **GOTOPO** and **Passages** by Alice Rende in the Großer Garten. The neon installation **Best of All** by Tim Etchells will continue to light up the Arne Jacobsen Foyer.

The grand finale of Ingo Metzmacher's directorship begins with **The Unanswered Question** on Sun 08.06 at 11 a.m. in the HCC Kuppelsaal. The concert bears the title of Charles Ives'

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most famous work: **The Unanswered Question**. The US baritone **Thomas Hampson** will be coming to Hanover as a special guest. Together with the NDR Radiophilharmonie, the HMTMH University Orchestra and nine Hanoverian choirs, Ingo Metzmacher will bring a wide range of orchestral pieces, songs and choral works by Ives to the Kuppelsaal. On the evening of the last day of the festival, the Canadian pianist **Marc-André Hamelin** will also perform a concert in the gallery with works by Charles Ives and Ludwig van Beethoven (Sun 08.06, 6 p.m.). Afterwards, Ingo Metzmacher's farewell will be celebrated with the audience and KunstFestSpiele companions in the Festival Center.

The KunstFestSpiele with its cross-genre program of concerts, dance, circus, performance and installations will take place until Sun 08.06.2025 in the Herrenhausen Gardens and in the city of Hanover. The international festival presents a total of 23 artistic productions with around 80 individual events. The festival also celebrates the 350th anniversary of the Great Garden in a special way with two large outdoor happenings.

In 2026, the German-Austrian composer Brigitta Muntendorf will take over the directorship of the KunstFestSpiele Herrenhausen.

Tickets for all events are still available in the KunstFestSpiele online ticket store and at all HAZ & NP advance booking offices, including the Musik Kiosk am Kröpcke. Pupils and students receive a 50% discount on all tickets (all discounts at [kunstfestspiele.de/en/tickets](https://www.kunstfestspiele.de/en/tickets)).

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