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Classical sounds and bold sport formats

Cultural Highlights in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern in 2018

In 2018, a series of well-established events will attract visitors to Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. The 28th edition of the Hanse Sail will take place in Rostock, the Usedom Music Festival (*Usedomer Musikfestival*) will celebrate its 25th anniversary, and cyclists can look forward to unique sporting events, such as the retro cycling event *Velo Classico* or the *Mecklenburger Seen Runde*. Following is a selection of events in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. Many more highlights can be found in the calendar of events at www.off-to-mv.com.

March: 7th Festspielfrühling Rügen

On March 9, a “Schubertiade” by Matthias Schorn will mark the opening of the *Rügen Spring Festival (Festspielfrühling Rügen)* in Putbus. The clarinetist will be the artistic director of the *Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Festival* in the coming year. Until March 18, a total of 30 artists will perform at 24 events, including concerts as well as readings, discussions and culinary delights. Those who prefer unusual venues can sign up for a cruise to the chalk cliffs, accompanied, among others, by the violinist and singer Klemens Lendl and the guitar player and singer David Müller. Information about the programme, events and venues as well as concert tickets are available at www.festspiele-mv.de or by phone on 0385 5918585.

For more information visit www.festspiele-mv.de/festspielfruehling.



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May: Mecklenburger Seen Runde

Cycling in the lake district: On May 25 and May 26, more than 3,000 participants are expected to attend the fourth edition of the *Mecklenburger Seen Runde* in the lakeland *Mecklenburgische Seenplatte*. The Lakeland will serve as an impressive scenery for a 30-km tour for everyone. *Everyone* is to be taken literally, since everyone who enjoys riding his or her bike can sign up for this event. The focus is not on being the first to cross the finishing line, but rather on enjoying the sport of cycling together. Additionally, there will be a separate 90-km women's tour leading through the *Feldberg Lake District (Feldberger Seenlandschaft)* as well as a tour for kids.

June: KunstOffen at Pentecost

Around 800 artists and craftspeople will be welcoming visitors to Mecklenburg-Vorpommern at the weekend of Pentecost. From May 18 to May 21, guests will have the opportunity to watch painters, sculptors and artisans in action and discuss their works with them. The event is supported by gallerists, cultural offices, art clubs and charitable foundations. Yellow umbrellas and blue flags will show the way to the different ateliers and galleries.

More information will soon be available at www.auf-nach-mv.de.

Starting in June: 29th Festival Summer

From June 15 to September 16, 2018, barns, churches, castle grounds and industrial buildings of the region will be hosting music events as part of the *Festspiele Mecklenburg-Vorpommern*. Big names and talents from all over the world will take part, such as Iveta Apkalna, H el ene Grimaud, Nils Landgren, Nils M onkemeyer, Matthias Schorn, Max Raabe and the Palas Orchester, as well as international orchestras, such as NDR Elbphilharmonie Orchestra and the Academy St. Martin in the Fields. Pianist Kit Armstrong, the current holder of the *Preistr ager in Residence*

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award, as well as his friends and other award winners the will be enchanting their audience. Daniel Müller-Schott, Harriet Krijgh und Anastasia Kobekina will invite visitors to Ulrichshusen to witness the 360° *Violoncello* festival, and the *Stars im Dorf (Stars in the Village)* competition offers the opportunity to win a concert featuring the percussionist Alexej Gerassimez.

For more information visit www.festspiele-mv.de.

June: 11th edition of the MittsommerRemise

Listening to classical sounds in an impressive castle setting, walking through scenic parks during sunset, discussions with manor house owners – these are the programme highlights of the 11th edition of the *MittsommerRemise*, the night of Nordic manor houses. The event will take place on June 23 and June 24 on the occasion of the summer solstice, attracting culture enthusiasts to the lakelands

Mecklenburgische Seenplatte and *Sternberger Seenlandschaft* or to the *Mecklenburger Parkland* – a region located in the heart of Mecklenburg between the towns of Tessin, Laage, Teterow and Gnoien.

More information will be available soon at www.mittsommer-remise.de.

August: Hanse Sail to attract a million visitors

The 28th edition of the maritime classic *Hanse Sail* will feature around 200 ships, among them traditional sailing vessels, cruise ships and ferries, all docking at the quays of Rostock and Warnemünde.

Mecklenburg-Vorpommern's biggest maritime celebration will provide ample opportunity for visitors to marvel at the ships, go on sailing trips, dance, eat and drink. The programme includes ship visits as well as various fun entertainment options on land, including live music, markets and parties. The medieval market *Leben in der Hansezeit (Life during the Hanseatic period)* and the *Pirate Village* allow guests to travel back

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into the past, whereas the sailing stadium in Rostock's city port gives them the chance to show off their sporty side.

More information can be found at www.hansesail.com.

August: The Sweden Festival in Wismar

Sabre-rattling and the thunder of cannons: From August 16 to August 19, Swedish troops will "besiege" the town of Wismar, thus commemorating the town's many years of belonging to the Swedish empire. The *Sweden Festival (Schwedensfest)* has become a crowd puller, attracting around 100,000 visitors to Wismar's historic town centre. The events will take place in an area ranging from the market square to the old town port. They will include battle reenactments with approaching Swedish Carolean cavalry, infantry and artillery, as well as a Kubb tournament, a historical parade and the Sweden run leading through the UNESCO World Heritage town. Programme highlights and more information can be found at www.wismar.de.

September: 5th Strandräuber Ironman 70.3 on the island of Rügen

In 2018, the triathlon series which is world-famous among athletes will take place for the fifth time in and around the town of Binz on the island of Rügen. Amid impressive chalk cliffs, wide sandy beaches and quaint fishermen's villages, the participants will be ready to push themselves to their limits. Triathlon originates from Hawaii and combines swimming, cycling and running. More than 1,500 sportspeople are expected to participate, ranging from hobby athletes to national and international professional athletes. They will have to swim 1.9 kilometres in the Baltic Sea, cycle through Rügen's tree-lined roads for 90 kilometres and run through Binz for 21.1 kilometres.

For more information visit eu.ironman.com.

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September: VeloClassico for fans of vintage cycling

On September 15 and 16, 2018, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern will once more be the venue of the retro cycling event *Velo Classico* in and around the town of Ludwigslust. It is open to anyone who wants to combine cultural and natural experiences and likes to ride bikes which already have a few years under their belt. Fashionable jerseys will be replaced by vintage outfits for this event. For the most part, the routes lead through unsurfaced roads and beautiful natural landscapes south of Schwerin, passing by or leading directly to historic sites or villages typical of Mecklenburg. Depending on their stamina, participants can select between different tours – the shortest is 30 kilometres, the longest 150 kilometres long. On all routes, there will be refreshment stations where the cyclists can taste regional delicacies.

For more information visit www.veloclassico.de.

September: 25th anniversary of the Usedom Music Festival

One festival, one sea, ten countries: In 2018, the *Usedom Music Festival* will celebrate 25 years of existence. Visitors can look forward to top-class concerts at different venues on the island.

The programme will be available soon at www.usedomer-musikfestival.de.