

Welcome!
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Dear Friends and Supporters of the Viennese Winter Ball,

As Austria's new Ambassador to Canada, I welcome you to the 2021 Viennese Winter Ball. For more than 25 years, the Viennese Winter Ball has been one of Ottawa's most magical and glamorous events. Of course, this is not a normal year and the Ball will have to be completely virtual, but the organizers have been able to preserve this wonderful tradition, and have an exciting event planned for you. Some of Canada's top musicians will be performing some truly enchanting music.

I am deeply honoured that two distinguished Canadians will be hosting the Ball, Canada's former Governor General, Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, and the internationally renowned tenor and CBC host, Ben Heppner.

Vienna and Austria have had a rich musical tradition for hundreds of years. I strongly applaud the fact that the Viennese Winter Ball supports initiatives that encourage music in the lives of all young people. We all know that children learn more, are more intelligent and creative, are happier, and have greatly enhanced social skills when exposed to music. *Music and Beyond* is deeply committed to making sure that music, as well as the arts and culture in general, reach out to all young people.

In my capacity as Patron of this very special event, I hope you will be able to attend and I encourage you to support it any way you can.

I look forward to joining you on Saturday, March 13th!

Mit herzlichen Grüßen,

Sylvia Meier-Kajbic
Ambassador of Austria to Canada
Patron, The Viennese Winter Ball