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30th Vienna New Year's Eve Trail Welcomed 800,000 Excited Visitors

12 hours packed full of harmony and merriment – this is how Vienna celebrated the new year

(Vienna, 1 January 2020 / 2am) "Vienna connects" – this was the motto of the 30th Vienna New Year's Eve Trail, and with 800,000 who were as merry as they were peaceful, this was another impressively successful celebration in the most liveable city. There was only one drop of bitterness: Due to the strong wind around midnight the fireworks at the Rathausplatz couldn't take place. But the "Donauwalzer" was danced more lively than ever.

A colourful entertainment programme with fabulous live musical performances, impressive visual effects thanks to the skills of the video artists, an encounter zone that was a hit with the public from start to finish and of course the spectacular fireworks display at midnight above the City Hall made the anniversary of the Vienna Open Air New Year's Eve Party an unforgettable event. And when, after the Danube waltz was played, a choir of a hundred thousand singers belted out Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" and the new year was finally welcomed in the perfect way in the music capital of Europe.

A traditional start to the year on Vienna's Rathausplatz

But the celebration of the New Year wasn't over until we heard the New Year's Concert performed by the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra. And for this reason, the City of Vienna is inviting you to view a live broadcast on 1 January 2020 from 11 am on the Rathausplatz. Those who prefer to first sleep off the night's revelries can catch a recording of the concert under conductor Andris Nelsons at 2 pm.

Viennese New Year's Eve Trail on 31 December 2019
from 2.00 pm to 2.00 am in Vienna's city centre
from 8pm to 2am in the Prater*
from 2pm to midnight in Aspern Seestadt**

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