

BÜRGERMEISTER  
DER LANDESHAUPTSTADT SALZBURG



DR. HEINZ SCHADEN

5024 SALZBURG, 18.03.2008  
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Mr. John P. Wiscombe, President  
MUSIC CELEBRATIONS INTERNATIONAL  
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Dear Mr. Wiscombe,

The City of Salzburg is very pleased with Music Celebrations International's organization of 2009 festivals in Austria honoring the great composer Joseph Haydn. These festivals are part of many activities planned for **A Year for Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)**. We are pleased that all festival groups will include Salzburg in their itinerary.

We welcome all participants in the choral and orchestral festivals which you are organizing, and know that you have invited only the best ensembles to join together in performances honoring Haydn — performances which will also excite and thrill local audiences in Salzburg.

The City of Salzburg gratefully acknowledges the role of Music Celebrations International in bringing hundreds of wonderful American performing ensembles to Salzburg over the course of many years, as part of your official concert series, the *American Celebration of Music in Austria*.

While Joseph Haydn himself had little to do with Salzburg, his brother, Michael, was a successor to W. A. Mozart (Salzburg's most famous son) in the Salzburg court and cathedral and a great composer in his own right. Michael Haydn is buried here in Salzburg.

My city is anxious to show festival participants the historical, artistic, and cultural achievements of Salzburg — most importantly, the great musical tradition, as participants meet in rehearsals, tour important sites and museums, attend other great concerts, meet local music lovers, and perform in various wonderful venues here in Salzburg.

We look forward to the outstanding performances of all participants in the 2009 year-long *American Celebration of Music in Austria*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'H. Schaden', written over the 'Sincerely yours,' text.