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## OPERA STAR TO SING NATIONAL ANTHEM AHEAD OF F1 GRAND PRIX AT RED BULL RING

Formula 1 World Championship | 2026 Austrian Grand Prix | 26th - 28th June | Red Bull Ring | Jonas Kaufmann to sing Austrian national anthem accompanied by Musicbanda Franui from East Tyrol

**Formula 1 and opera come together at the Red Bull Ring: On 28th June 2026, the highest echelon of motorsport and the pinnacle of musical culture will combine to create a unique audience experience. The drivers contesting this year's Austrian Grand Prix will line up on the start-finish straight behind internationally acclaimed star tenor Jonas Kaufmann as he sings the Austrian national anthem – Land der Berge – accompanied by the talented East Tyrolean ensemble Musicbanda Franui. Full details of the Formula 1 weekend at Spielberg, travel information, the programme and ticket sales can be found at [www.redbullring.com](http://www.redbullring.com).**

**An extraordinary musical moment before the start of the Grand Prix:** The musical prelude to Austria's biggest sporting event of 2026 spans an intercultural arc across the Alpine region, with Italian, French and German influences reaching right into the heart of Steiermark province.

**German-Austrian opera star at Spielberg:** Having performed at all the world's major opera houses and concert halls, Munich-born Jonas Kaufmann is one of the world's most sought-after singers. Kaufmann masters the entire tenor range of German, Italian and French opera repertoire, of oratorios, operettas and movie scores. During the current season, his major roles have included the painter Mario Cavaradossi in Puccini's 'Tosca' in Zurich and Paris. In early 2026, he made his stage debut at the Vienna State Opera as Eisenstein in Johann Strauss's 'Die Fledermaus'. The German-born adoptive Austrian has been living in Salzburg since 2022 and has been artistic director of the Tyrolean Festival Erl since 2024.

**East Tyrolean ensemble set to make big impression on world stage:** Hailing from the small East Tyrolean village of Innervillgraten, the ten-piece Musicbanda Franui has been performing for 33 years with a virtually unchanged line-up at venues throughout Europe, including the Berlin State Opera, the Salzburg Festival and the Philharmonie de Paris. The ensemble has gained international renown for its reinterpretations of classical music and is not afraid to break down the boundaries between interpretation, improvisation and composition. On the Grand Prix weekend, the musicians will be employing their unique Austrian charm to blend Beethoven's 9th Symphony with the national anthem and the 'World Voice' of Jonas Kaufmann.

**Information, programme details, travel tips and ticket sales for the FORMULA 1 LENOVO AUSTRIAN GRAND PRIX 2026 can be found at [www.redbullring.com](http://www.redbullring.com).**