



**Terms and Conditions of Bayreuther Festspiele GmbH**  
for Online Instant Purchases ("Online Instant-Purchase Tickets")

**Terms and Conditions of Business and Use of Bayreuther Festspiele GmbH**  
**for Online Instant Purchases ("Online Instant-Purchase Tickets") as well as the performances of the Richard Wagner Festival 2026**

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**1. Scope**

1.1. These General Terms and Conditions of Business govern the legal relationships between Bayreuther Festspiele GmbH (hereinafter referred to as "BF") and the ticket purchaser (hereinafter referred to as the "Purchaser") and the visitors to performances of the 2026 Richard Wagner Festival.

1.2. By purchasing tickets for the Bayreuth Festival, the Purchaser acknowledges these Terms and Conditions of Business and Use for the 2026 Bayreuth Festival ("Online Instant-Purchase" version) as binding for both themselves and all visitors to the performances who have received tickets from them for personal use as a result of their purchase. Once a contract to attend an event has been concluded and one or more entry tickets have been purchased, agreement to these Terms and Conditions will be deemed as granted.

1.3. If the Purchaser (additionally) acquires one or more tickets for a third party (accompanying person), the Purchaser must expressly inform the accompanying person of the application and content of these General Terms and Conditions, as well as of the need to disclose information to BF in accordance with the provisions of these General Terms and Conditions; by taking possession of and using the ticket, the accompanying person or visitor who receives tickets for personal use from the Purchaser as a result of the latter's ticket order agrees to the Terms and Conditions applying between them and the BF.

## **2. Admission prices and fees**

2.1. The tickets for each performance are assigned to various price categories. Tickets from various price categories can be ordered for a performance. Ticket prices can be found in the current price list.

2.2. In addition to the ticket price, a fee of 6.00 euros applies per seat sold; in the case of tickets for "Der Ring des Nibelungen", the fee is 4 x 6.00 euros per seat.

2.3. Concessions are not granted.

2.4. Programme booklets and other services are not included in the ticket price.

2.5. Tickets for the performances of the Bayreuth Festival are exempt from VAT in accordance with § 4 No. 20 a) Sentence 2 of the Value-Added Tax Act (Umsatzsteuergesetz).

## **3. Transmission of invoices and terms of payment**

3.1. In the online instant purchase procedure, invoices are exclusively provided electronically within the meaning of § 14 Para. 1, Sentences 7 and 8 of the Value-Added Tax Act (Umsatzsteuergesetz). Invoices will not be submitted in paper form. Once the payment transaction has been successfully completed (5.7, 5.8.), invoices are available for viewing, downloading and printing [at www.bayreuther-festspiele.de](http://www.bayreuther-festspiele.de) in the Purchaser's personal login area ("My Festival"). The Purchaser will be informed via email that the invoice is available.

3.2. Payments can only be made in euros.

3.3. The following payment methods are available:

- Direct payment via credit card: VISA, Mastercard® and American Express
- Direct payment via PayPal
- Offsetting against existing credit from cancelled invoices for tickets for the 2020 festival season, if applicable with an additional payment
- Payment via Apple Pay and Google Pay

## **4. General terms and conditions for orders**

4.1. The Purchaser must be of full legal age and have unlimited legal capacity.

4.2. At Bayreuth Festival 2026, a portion of the admission tickets will be issued for orders taking into account the special criteria, in particular previous waiting times, with another portion being issued independently of the aforementioned criteria on a first-come-first-served basis, or "Online Instant-Purchase Tickets". The purchase of the latter is governed by the General Terms and Conditions for Online Instant-Purchase Tickets. On the other hand, the purchase of tickets by means of online orders and written orders is governed by the "General Terms and Conditions for Online Orders and Written Orders".

4.3. Online Instant-Purchase Tickets (4.2) may only be purchased via seat plan booking or best seat booking on the Internet at [www.bayreuther-festspiele.de](http://www.bayreuther-festspiele.de) in accordance with the provisions of these General Terms and Conditions.

4.4. To set up a customer account by means of registration and verification (5.3), which is a prerequisite for instant online purchases, it is compulsory to provide a valid postal address, a verified email address and a telephone number. If a business email address is provided, the Purchaser themselves shall ensure that private use of that email address provided for business purposes is permitted for the purpose of further processing and handling of the order.

4.5. A Purchaser may obtain a total of up to 16 tickets through the online purchase process, regardless of the number of online purchase transactions, but no more than 4 tickets per performed piece. For each piece in the categories G1-G4, E3-E6 and C6-C7, a maximum of 2 tickets can be purchased for one performance. The RING cycle is counted as one ticket.

4.6. The Performances of the *Der Ring des Nibelungen* tetralogy, consisting of the individual works *Das Rheingold*, *Die Walküre*, *Siegfried* and *Götterdämmerung*, can only be purchased for the entire cycle.

4.7. Online "orders" for Online Instant-Purchase Tickets will be processed exclusively on a first-come-first-served basis.

4.8. Upon acceptance of the transmitted offer (5.7) and the resultant purchase of one or more admission tickets, a legally binding contract shall come into being between the Purchaser and BF relating to attendance at the event; under the terms of that contract, the transfer of admission tickets is not governed by the principles of property law but the principles of debt recovery law.

4.9. Wheelchair spaces and spaces for accompanying persons may not be purchased as part of online instant purchases. Wheelchair spaces and places for accompanying persons may only be requested directly from the Bayreuth Festival ticket office.

## **5. Online purchase of "Online Instant-Purchase Tickets"**

5.1. Online Instant-Purchase Tickets may only be purchased via the Internet at [www.bayreuther-festspiele.de](http://www.bayreuther-festspiele.de), from 2:00 p.m. CEST (UTC+1) on 30/11/2025.

5.2. Participation in the online instant purchasing requires registration and verification of the customer account, which can be carried out at [www.bayreuther-festspiele.de](http://www.bayreuther-festspiele.de).

5.3. Given the high demand for "Online Instant-Purchase Tickets" and numerous attempts to place orders at the same time, in particular on the day of activation (5.1), the login form of the ticket shop at [www.bayreuther-festspiele.de](http://www.bayreuther-festspiele.de) will be preceded by a queue to implement the "first-come-first-served" principle (4.2), which the Purchaser initiates by accessing the website [www.bayreuther-festspiele.de](http://www.bayreuther-festspiele.de) and which they can cancel at any time by closing the browser window. Purchasers who close their browser window will lose their position in the queue. While the Purchaser stays in the queue, their progress is visualised in percentage terms by means of a "progress bar", bearing in mind the current number of purchasers that accessed the website before them; the availability of individual works is indicated by means of a traffic light, irrespective of price categories and specific performance dates. Instructions displayed while waiting in the queue must be observed to retain your position. Once the waiting period is over, the Purchaser is requested to enter the ticket shop by entering their verified access data (customer number or email address as well as password) (5.3). The Purchaser has 10 minutes ("time-out period") to do so. Once the Purchaser has been timed out, they may only attempt to log in again after first waiting in the queue again.

5.4. Purchasers may select tickets for individual performances that are available as Online Instant-Purchase Tickets within the limits of available capacity, bearing in mind the limit on sales quantities (4.5). In the shopping basket, Purchasers can review the individual ticket prices and the total price in addition to the seats they have selected for the relevant performances. The contents of the online shopping basket are reserved for 30 minutes, starting when the first item is placed in the shopping basket. If the transaction (including the payment process) is not successfully completed within this time period, the entire shopping cart content is deleted and the transaction cancelled. Purchasers have the option of deleting individual tickets displayed in the shopping basket from the shopping basket on a per-seat basis by clicking on the waste bin icon displayed in a red button. Tickets deleted from the shopping basket will be immediately available for sale again and can only be re-added to the shopping basket if they have not been selected or purchased by any other Purchaser in the meantime.

5.5. From the shopping basket (5.4), Purchasers can either select additional tickets and place these in their shopping basket – provided tickets are still available and provided the restriction on sales (4.5) is observed – or can continue the order process for the tickets already present in their shopping basket. Purchasers may continue the order process by clicking on the "Proceed to Checkout" button. The order confirmation summary shown at this point to Purchasers contains the following information: address stored, a list of all tickets in the shopping cart, applicable fees and the total order amount. Underneath, Purchasers must select their desired payment method to continue and complete the order process. The Purchaser can continue the ordering process by clicking on the "Confirm Purchase" button. The order process is completed when payment is made.

5.6. By clicking on the "Confirm Order" button, Purchasers submit a binding order under obligation of payment to Bayreuther Festspiele GmbH, as well as a binding offer to conclude an event attendance contract under the law of obligations. The contract comes into effect upon BF's confirmation of the ordered tickets, which will be displayed to the Purchaser after payment is settled (5.8). Confirmation of the successful purchase of the tickets will also be sent to the Purchaser by email.

5.7. At the end of the ordering process, payment for the admission tickets must be made in accordance with the provisions of clause 3, following the instructions of the payment provider chosen by the Purchaser. The Purchaser will receive corresponding prompts after clicking the "Buy Now" button, which completes the binding order (subject to binding costs).

5.8. Purchasers are responsible for the correctness of the information they provide during the ordering process. This applies equally to the order as such (selection of performance, number of tickets, etc.) and personal information (address, email address, etc.). Any errors are the responsibility of the Purchaser.

5.9. BF may at any time interrupt or completely cancel both the online ordering process as such and the specific ticket order transaction, if proper or legal execution of the order process is no longer possible. This includes, in particular, cases involving technical difficulties (hardware and software errors, computer viruses, server problems, etc.), external tampering or attempts at tampering, and/or a lack of legal prerequisites. BF may also interrupt or cancel the specific ticket ordering transaction at any time in the cases provided under Section 4.9.

5.10. BF recommends the use of an up-to-date web browser to avoid technical problems.

## **6. Personalisation, activation, provision and delivery of Online Instant-Purchase Tickets**

6.1. Online Instant-Purchase Tickets will only be provided digitally. Conventional tickets in paper form cannot be issued, even on request.

6.2. All ordered tickets will be issued in the first and last name of the Purchaser before being made available to them, and allow the Purchaser to be identified as such – in addition to the specific user (6.4.).

6.3. Purchasers may, after full payment, access their tickets in their personal login area ("My Festival" at [www.bayreuther-festspiele.de](http://www.bayreuther-festspiele.de)) and print them out after personalisation (6.4.). After personalisation, the tickets will also be provided digitally as a mobile ticket. Tickets can be personalised and downloaded after payment has been confirmed. The Customer will be informed of the value date. Online Instant-Purchase Tickets will not be sent by either post or email.

6.4. The tickets provided [at www.bayreuther-festspiele.de](http://www.bayreuther-festspiele.de) in the Purchaser's personal login area ("My Festival") must be personalised by the Purchaser before printing or before use as a mobile ticket by stating the first name and surname of the user in question. This is the responsibility of the Purchaser. The Purchaser of the tickets will provide the contact details of users whom they allow to use the tickets; they will only provide these details of third parties (accompanying person) if the persons in question have consented to the details being disclosed. The first and last name of the user are specified on each admission ticket. Only admission tickets that are personalised for the specific user in accordance with the aforementioned provisions and thereby activated can be printed or made available as mobile tickets, and they are valid. Purchasers must personalise and activate the tickets no later than two calendar days before the performance in question; once this period has elapsed, ticket personalisation and activation are no longer possible. No compensation will be issued for tickets that are not personalised on time (7.1). Pursuant to Section 7.2, only BF's ticket office may amend or reassign personalised tickets.

6.5. Tickets must be presented at the entrance in paper form or in electronic form, e.g., on a smartphone.

6.6. The conformity of the personalisation (6.4) with the identity of the respective user/visitor must be proven upon request by production of a valid official photo ID. Further access requirements (11) remain unaffected.

6.7. The provision of the ticket under "My Festival" fulfils all of BF's obligations concerning the online instant purchase.

6.8. Purchasers are advised to check the date, time and presentation for conformity with the invoice upon receipt. Purchasers must immediately report any errors vis-a-vis the order to BF ([ticket@bayreuther-festspiele.de](mailto:ticket@bayreuther-festspiele.de); postal address: Bayreuther Festspiele GmbH, Kartenbüro, Festspielhügel 1-2, 95445 Bayreuth).

6.9. It is the responsibility of the Purchaser of an online immediate purchase ticket to ensure that only one printout is made and no electronic copies are created, in order to prevent potential misuse.

## **7. Returning and transferring tickets**

7.1. As a rule, admission tickets already paid for can be neither returned nor exchanged. Any resale of tickets is subject to an assignment prohibition in certain cases (9.4). Expired tickets will not be replaced. This will also apply if tickets have not been personalised and activated in a timely manner.

7.2. BF's ticket office is solely entitled, upon the Purchaser's request, to transfer admission tickets personalised in accordance with Section 6.4 to another user. Handwritten changes to the user's name by the Purchaser or other third parties or any associated deletions will render the ticket invalid. BF is entitled to charge a fee of EUR 5.00 for any transfer.

7.3. BF may prevent the access and attendance of holders of tickets that have not been personalised in accordance with Section 6.4 or that have not been amended in the correct manner in accordance with Section 7.2.

7.4. Changes to cast and crew, including to the musical directors and the production teams, and other changes to the order of events of a performance do not entitle the holder to return tickets.

7.5. If a performance is cancelled, the admission fee will only be refunded if no more than one act or scene has taken place by such time. The right to a refund expires if the claim is not asserted to BF within two weeks of the performance in question.

7.6. In the case of cancellation of the performance before it has begun, the admission tickets affected by the cancellation of the performance will be taken back and the admission fee will be returned, however, not including the charge of 6.00 Euro per

entry ticket (for "Der Ring des Nibelungen" 4 x 6.00 Euro per entry ticket). The right to a refund expires if the claim is not asserted to BF in writing (electronic communications shall suffice) within at least two weeks of the performance in question. On the other hand, a refund of the fee per seat sold within the meaning of paragraph 1 above will not be excluded if the Bayreuth Festival in general or the contractual event or performance(s), in particular, are cancelled, suspended or interrupted due to force majeure (18).

7.7. In the case of Sections 7.5 and 7.6, neither Purchasers nor ticket holders may raise any further claims.

## **8. Loss of tickets**

If the Visitor does not have a printout of the Online Instant-Purchase Ticket or if it is unreadable (e.g., due to forgetting it or damage), they can request a one-time reprint/replacement ticket at the ticket counter. This must be done no later than 30 minutes before the start of the performance for which the ticket is required, and it is subject to a fee. This is only possible if the ticket has already been personalised and registered in the visitor's name by the Purchaser (6.4.) and if the visitor can provide appropriate identification. The charge for issuance of a replacement ticket is EUR 5.00. A second printout/replacement cannot be issued (7.1, Sentences 3 and 4) if the original ticket has not been personalised and registered (6.4. ). Irrespective of this, Purchasers may login into their personal login area ("My Festival") at a terminal in the ticket office and print out personalised tickets free of charge in accordance with Section 6.4.

## **9. Resale and transfer of tickets**

9.1. BF is sponsored by the delegates of the German Federal Government for Culture and Media, the Free State of Bavaria, the City of Bayreuth, the Gesellschaft der Freunde von Bayreuth e.V. (Society of Friends of Bayreuth e.V.) and the District of Upper Franconia. They feel obliged to ensure a balanced and fair price policy and endeavour to maintain and implement a socially viable price structure as well as fair distribution. BF endeavours to honour such commitment by selling available tickets itself instead of doing so via commercial ticket dealers or ticket offices/exchanges to the end user, and does not demand the maximum price that can be achieved on the market for these tickets due to the excess demand.

9.2. By accepting these conditions, the ticket Purchaser is declaring that the admission tickets are being acquired solely for private use.

9.3. Purchasers may only cede to a third-party their rights and obligations under this contract concluded with BF and related to the event, including, as a result, the right to demand admission to the performance(s), under the condition that the third-party assumes all rights and obligations in place of the Purchaser as a contract party with BF, and under the condition that no ban on such a cession exists as according to the following regulations.

9.4. The resale of admission tickets is prohibited in the following specified cases (prohibition of assignment); consent will not be given in these cases:

- a) In the event of the sale or transfer of admission tickets or the procurement of admission tickets for third parties if this occurs within the framework of commercial activities and/or for gain,
- b) in the case of sale of admission tickets on non-authorised Internet platforms, for example, and in particular, eBay or non-authorised Online Ticket Markets (e.g., Viagogo), or within the framework of Internet auctions; an exception here is the sale within the scope of an instant-sale or immediate-sale at a price not higher than the original price of the ticket, including the ticket charge and – if such costs were incurred – a proportion of the processing charge, in addition to costs which were or will be incurred to the seller during the procurement and/or during the resale of the ticket by the chosen method (e.g., postage and/or e.g., eBay charge or similar charges),
- c) in the event of sale of tickets at a price which is higher than the original price of the tickets, including the ticket fee and – if incurred – the attributable handling fee, plus such costs that have been or will be incurred by the seller as a result of the purchase or resale of the tickets,
- d) in the case of sale of tickets to make a profit or the act of procuring admission tickets in the name of a third person in order to make a profit by acting as an agency; in this respect, the aim of making a profit applies to the intention to sell the ticket at a price which exceeds the original price of the ticket, including the ticket charge and – if such costs were incurred – a proportion of the processing charge, in addition to costs which were or will be incurred to the seller during the procurement and/or during the resale of the ticket by the chosen method,
- e) in the event that the tickets are transferred and/or sold for advertising or marketing purposes, as a bonus, giveaway or prize or as part of a hospitality or travel package not authorised by the event organiser, or
- f) in the event that the admission tickets are sold without reference to these General Terms and Conditions.

9.5. The resale or forwarding of admission tickets when the conditions stated under Paragraph b)-f) are maintained remains unaffected.

9.6. Tickets that are resold and forwarded after personalisation (6.3, 6.4) must be amended so that they are made out to the new user in accordance with Section 7.2, without prejudice to the above provisions in Sections 9.2 to 9.5.

9.7. BF may refuse to issue and send admission tickets to persons who violate the above provisions in Sections 9.2 and 9.4. or who attempt to resell them, with this constituting a violation against the above regulations in Sections 9.2 to 9.4. The same applies to people who deal in tickets commercially or for gain without the prior written consent of BF or who have sold or attempted to sell tickets from a previous festival season in violation of the applicable regulations regarding resale and passing on of tickets, or who make such tickets available to such persons. In these cases, BF will also be entitled to refuse any amendments to details on tickets in accordance with 9.6, 7.2.; this applies regardless of who is requesting the ticket be amended. Admission tickets which have already been allocated and/or sent to the Purchaser may be declared invalid (electronic locking of the barcode) or claimed back by BF in the case of violation of the foregoing stipulations at Paragraphs 9.2 to 9.4, and in the case of a right of refusal within the meaning of the preceding sentence 2. This also applies in the case of attempts to sell tickets in violation of the above regulations in Sections 9.2 to 9.4.

9.8. BF may prevent holders of blocked tickets from accessing and attending the performance.

9.9. BF cannot be held liable for the validity of admission tickets from other ticket providers or for their services or prices.

## **10. Other legal information**

In accordance with § 312g Para. 2 Sentence 1 no. 9 of the German Civil Code (BGB), Purchasers are not entitled to a right of cancellation. They cannot revoke their declaration of intent.

## **11. Starting times, admission and admission checks**

11.1. Only publications officially issued by BF, the website operated by BF ([www.bayreuther-festspiele.de](http://www.bayreuther-festspiele.de)) and the admission tickets themselves contain authoritative information (date and starting times) on the Performances. BF reserves the right to make short-term changes, such as postponing the time at which the performance starts on the same day. BF bears no responsibility for the information in other publications.

11.2. Once the performance has started, Visitors can only be let into the auditorium during an official break, for reasons of safety and out of consideration towards the performing artists and other Visitors. There may be delays during checks for admission to the Festspielhaus as well as longer waiting times in the cloakroom and/or cloakroom depot in front of the Festspielhaus in the event of any particular statutory or official safety requirements. Visitors are responsible for ensuring they arrive with sufficient time in advance. Delays caused as a result will not entitle visitors to enter the auditorium after the performance has started.

11.3. The currently valid legal, regulatory and official access requirements apply for Visitors to BF's performances.

11.4. Regardless of the separate admission requirements in accordance with 11.3., visitors must show the following documents:

- personalised admission ticket or electronic ticket (mobile ticket) **and**
- personal ID or passport.

Admission to the event will generally be refused if the user noted on the admission ticket is not the same person shown on the personal ID card/passport and/or if not all requested documents are shown.

11.5. BF is entitled to refuse admission to the event site or expel Visitors from the event site for cause, for example, in the event of clear symptoms of contagious diseases. This also applies if an admission ticket holder violates mandatory provisions of the safety and/or hygiene concept. There will be no refund of the purchase price in these cases.

## **12. Power to enforce house rules and restrictions on items taken in**

12.1. BF exercises the power to enforce house rules in the Bayreuth Festival Theatre. It is entitled to issue expulsions and bans from the site as well as other suitable measures as part of its power to enforce house rules. In particular, visitors can be expelled from performances if they cause disturbance, bother other guests or, in any other serious manner or repeatedly, break the house rules or any conditions of use related to the event. Admission may be refused if there is a reasonable suspicion that the visitor will disrupt the performance or bother other visitors. There will be no refund of the purchase price in these cases.

12.2. The visitor will only occupy the seat which is stated on their ticket or the seat which the admittance staff allocate to them. If he/she has taken up a seat for which he/she does not possess a valid ticket or to which he/she has not been allocated, then BF may instruct the visitor to leave that seat or even the whole performance.

- 12.3. Privately offering and reselling admission tickets in the facilities and on the premises of the Bayreuth Festival Theatre is forbidden.
- 12.4. Mobile electronic devices, pagers and acoustic signalling devices of any kind can only be taken into the auditorium if they are turned off.
- 12.5. Taking food and drinks into the auditorium and consuming them there is not permitted.
- 12.6. For reasons relating to animal protection and for reasons of space, guide dogs or other animals with similar, corresponding functions cannot be taken into the auditorium. If notified in advance, BF will have admission staff ready to guide affected persons and allocate seats.
- 12.7. For safety reasons, taking bulky and dangerous objects (regardless of size) and seat cushions into the Festspielhaus is prohibited. You can take your handbag (up to edge length 29x21x21 cm with a maximum volume of 10 litres) with you, provided you can place it on your lap. For safety reasons, stowing the bag under the seat is not permitted. However, you can of course store your bag in the cloakroom or the lockers. Deviating official safety requirements shall take precedence.
- 12.8. Smoking is prohibited in all publicly accessible rooms of the Bayreuth Festival Theatre.

### **13. Health protection and hygiene regulations**

- 13.1. For the purpose of protecting the health of BF employees and other participants and visitors to the Bayreuth Festival, the Bayreuth Festival will observe and implement all legal, regulatory and official requirements applicable at any particular time.
- The measures taken in each case are binding for the ticket Purchaser and the users of the admission tickets designated by them and supplement the provisions below.
- 13.2. In order to protect the health of BF employees and other participants and visitors to the Bayreuth Festival, BF shall be entitled to impose hygiene standards and rules of conduct in justified cases of danger to life and limb (e.g., epidemics, pandemics, etc.) at its own reasonable discretion, irrespective of any applicable legal, regulatory or official requirements, to impose hygiene standards and rules of conduct in this regard, such as the wearing of a face covering/mask, including the requirement for such a mask (e.g., FFP2), the observance of distances or the use of disinfectants, as well as protective measures for the visit to the Festspielhaus and its adjoining buildings, which the user of the admission ticket is obliged to observe.
- 13.3. Neither the Purchaser nor the user of the admission ticket in question shall have any claim to the implementation of corresponding hygiene and safety measures.
- 13.4. The safety and, if necessary, hygiene concept of the Bayreuth Festival is intended to reduce the risk of contagion of visitors and third parties with contagious diseases to an acceptable level. However, the risk of infection and, as a result, illness associated with any visit to a performance or concert cannot be excluded. Therefore, BF's liability for injury to the life, limb or health of a concert visitor resulting from the implementation of the safety and, if necessary, hygiene concept in connection with the event is excluded; this does not apply to damage caused by intentional or negligent action or omissions.

### **14. Ban on taking visual and audio recordings**

Creating visual and audio recordings of any kind in the auditorium is forbidden, not least for copyright reasons. Violations may result in claims for damages or measures in accordance with Section 12.1.

### **15. Audiovisual recordings and photographic recordings of BF or third parties**

- 15.1. If an audiovisual recording of a performance is created, the spectator may appear in the image as part of the audience. Even reflections may occur as a result of the scene. Spectators unreservedly consent to the use of this recording in a manner which is unlimited in terms of content, time and space. This will not give rise to any claims of the affected spectator, including those relating to remuneration.
- 15.2. Upon acquisition of an admission ticket or by attending a performance, the Visitor furthermore declares their consent to BF, or any third parties commissioned or authorised by it, making audiovisual recordings and/or photographic recordings in which the Visitor can be recognised as a Visitor to the performance, distributing these, and using them in a manner which is unlimited with respect to content, term and territory. This will not give rise to any claims of the affected spectator, including those relating to remuneration.
- 15.3. The Purchaser of an admission ticket and the Visitor to a performance are aware that other visitors may create photographic and audiovisual recordings both in the Festspielhaus and on the festival premises, wherein the Visitor can be recognised as a visitor to the performance. BF assumes no liability for recordings of this kind; this applies, in particular, in the



event that recordings are made publicly accessible online (e.g., social media platforms such as Facebook and the like). The regulation in Section 14. as well as any rights of the affected Visitor against the third party which created the recording and/or made it publicly accessible will remain unaffected.

## **16. Liability**

BF, its legal representatives and its vicarious agents shall only be liable for damage suffered by a Visitor on the premises or grounds of the Festspielhaus Bayreuth in cases of intent and gross negligence. This limitation of liability does not apply for claims based on injury to life, limb or health.

## **17. Newsletter**

By registering for the Bayreuth Festival Newsletter, the Purchaser consents to the personal data provided by the Purchaser, in particular, the email address provided, and the personal order data, being used by BF to offer and present the Purchaser with both general and personalised advertisements and/or special offers and/or services, including offers and services of BF in cooperation with third parties (e.g., sponsors). Should the Purchaser not (or no longer) wish to receive these advertisements or presentations, they can revoke their consent at any time. A message in writing (electronic communications included) addressed to the contact details provided in the Newsletter (e.g., email, fax, letter) or unsubscribing will suffice to do this. It is also possible to unsubscribe from the Newsletter by clicking on the link at the end of each email.

## **18. Force majeure**

18.1. Should force majeure render holding the Bayreuth Festival in general and/or specifically the implementation of the contractual event or performance(s) impossible, the obligations to which both parties are subject shall cease to apply.

18.2. "Force majeure" means the occurrence of any event or circumstances which are beyond the reasonable control of the parties, was unforeseeable at the time the contract was concluded, and whose effects could not reasonably have been avoided or overcome by the parties.

18.3. The following events are presumed to constitute force majeure: war (declared or undeclared), hostilities, attacks, acts of foreign enemies, large-scale military mobilisation; civil war, rioting, rebellion and revolution, military or any other seizure of power, insurrection, acts of terrorism, sabotage or piracy; currency and trade restrictions, embargos, sanctions; lawful or unlawful official acts, compliance with laws or government orders, expropriation, confiscation of works, requisition, nationalisation; plague, epidemic, pandemic, natural disaster or extreme natural events; explosions, fires, destruction of equipment, prolonged failure of transportation, telecommunications, information systems, or power; general labour unrest such as boycott, strike and lockout, go-slow, occupation of factories and buildings.

18.4. In the event that holding the Bayreuth Festival in general and/or implementing the contractual event or performance(s) in particular becomes impossible due to events and circumstances which constitute an effect or effects of the current COVID-19 pandemic, force majeure within the meaning of the above paragraphs shall not be precluded by the fact that these events or circumstances were foreseeable or could or had to be taken into consideration as possible at the time of conclusion of the contract. In this case, neither contractual party may claim that these events or circumstances were not beyond the reasonable control of the parties, that they were reasonably foreseeable at the time the contract was concluded, or that their effects could reasonably have been avoided or overcome by the parties.

## **19. Severability**

In the event that provisions of these General Terms and Conditions and Conditions of Use are or become invalid in whole or in part, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be affected. Any ineffective clause or partial clause shall be replaced by a provision that comes as close as possible to the content of the ineffective provision.

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