

## Memorial and Liberation Ceremonies 2018



### Escape and Home

"We wish to ... follow a common path; the one of freedom – indispensable for every population, of reciprocal respect, of collaboration in the great work of constructing a new world that is free and just for all; We will forever remember the many terrible sacrifices that the conquest of this new world has cost for every nation." (*Excerpt from the Mauthausen Oath*)

The Memorial and Liberation Ceremonies at Concentration Camp Memorial Mauthausen and at sites of its former satellite camps have been organized and conducted since 1946 by survivors and their organizations. As successor organization of the Austrian Association of Mauthausen Survivors (ÖLM), Mauthausen Committee Austria (MKÖ) has taken on this task. Again for 2018, on the occasion of the 73th anniversary of the liberation of concentration camp Mauthausen, in close cooperation with survivor organizations at national (ÖLM) and international levels (International Mauthausen Committee, CIM) MKÖ will be organizing the Ceremonies. Because over 90% of the victims were neither German nor Austrian, commemorating the victims of concentration camp Mauthausen and its satellite camps has international importance. **The International Memorial and Liberation Ceremony at Mauthausen is the largest Memorial and Liberation Ceremony worldwide.**

In addition to the Memorial and Liberation Ceremony in Mauthausen, each year many memorial ceremonies are held at sites of former satellite camps of concentration camp Mauthausen and other locations of Nazi terror. In 2017 **more than 90 memorial events** took place across Austria. Most of these events are organized by local associations and initiatives in close cooperation with Mauthausen Committee Austria (MKÖ). In all, the memorial and liberation ceremonies organized by MKÖ draw over **45,000 participants**, setting a clear signal for "Never again!".

Each year since 2006, the memorial and liberation ceremonies have been dedicated to a specific theme that relates to the history of concentration camp Mauthausen or to Austria's Nazi past. Direct relevance to today is an essential component of each of these themes; especially for young people, this is intended to establish links to their world of experience today through engagement with the era and ideology of national socialism. This year's memorial and liberation ceremonies are dedicated to the theme **"Escape and Home"**.

In 2000, the Austrian Association of Mauthausen Survivors officially transferred their Legacy to Mauthausen Committee Austria. This legacy forms the foundation of activities of MKÖ. In addition to commemorating the victims of Nazi crimes, especially crimes against those in concentration camp Mauthausen and its satellite camps, MKÖ focuses on activities against right-wing extremism and promotes anti-fascism and anti-racism work, particularly with young people. In recent years, MKÖ has conducted activities with **more than 100,000 young people**: civil courage training, accompaniment at Concentration Camp Memorial Mauthausen and sites of former satellite camps, discussions before and after visits to Concentration Camp Memorial Mauthausen, anti-racism workshops (e.g., "Wir sind alle" and the new topical tours "denk mal wien"), as well as various youth projects related to occasions and topics.

## Escape and Home

"We lost our home, which means the familiarity of daily life. We lost our occupation, which means the confidence that we are of some use in this world. We lost our language, which means the naturalness of reactions, the simplicity of gestures, the unaffected expression of feelings. We left our relatives in the Polish ghettos and our best friends have been killed in concentration camps, and that means the rupture of our private lives." (*Essay "We refugees", Hannah Arendt 1943*)

With Adolf Hitler's seizure of power in 1933 in Berlin, the first people fled from the Nazis. The stream of refugees intensified with the introduction of the anti-Semitic Nuremberg Laws in 1935. The Anschluss (annexation) of Austria to Nazi Germany in March 1938 triggered riots against Jews in Austria. After the November pogroms in 1938, when the vulnerable Jewish minority was attacked with great brutality, it was clear that the Jewish population was defenseless in the German Reich. With the seizure of power and the Austrian Anschluss, the Nazis offensively pursued political opponents, trade unionists, members of Christian churches and other religions, other ethnic groups, homosexuals, intellectuals, artists and sooner or later anyone who rejected the Nazi regime. Already April 1938 saw the first transport of regime opponents from Vienna to concentration camp Dachau. In August 1938 the first prisoners arrived in Mauthausen, where the construction of the concentration camp began. In December 1938 there were nearly 1000 prisoners.

Beyond the political, religious and economic causes of refugee exodus, in the 1930s the Nazi terror regime created a new reason for the escape of refugees: racism. Waves of refugees crossed all of Europe to escape the death machinery of the Nazis. From one day to the next, families were broken up. The organization of Kindertransporten (children's transports) to England from November 1938 until September 1939 rescued ca. 10,000 children and youths from Germany, Austria, Poland and Czechoslovakia. A lack of financial means coupled with strict immigration statutes in many countries prevented many people from fleeing; they were left victims to the Nazi extermination machinery. In various countries of Europe, many private initiatives attempted to negotiate more favorable conditions for refugees from Nazi Germany. The UN, refugee conventions and NGOs did not exist at that time.

The history of Europe since WWII is repeatedly marked by waves of refugees. Wars in former Yugoslavia, Iraq, Afghanistan and Syria along with fundamentalist terror are two reasons for escape. Images of the huge waves of refugees in 2015 showed people dragging their children by the hand, with a minimum of possessions, looking for a place where their life is not in danger. What remains is the loss of friends, family, native language and culture. The popular term "home" is defined as "a place where one grew up or where one feels at home due to long-range residence."

People who must flee across national borders have lost everything. War and terror have made their home a strange place. In the Nazi era, under the most difficult conditions people helped other people. Let us learn from history and follow the example of the liberated prisoners of concentration camp Mauthausen, whose Mauthausen Oath of 16 Mai 1945 expressed the values of international solidarity:

"The permanence in the camp, lasting years, has reinforced in our minds the knowledge of the value of brotherhood among the people of all nations." (*Excerpt from the Mauthausen Oath*)

**SUNDAY, 6. MAY 2018****INTERNATIONAL MEMORIAL AND LIBERATION CEREMONY**CC Memorial Mauthausen  
Oberösterreich**08:00****Ceremonies at the national memorials**

From 8:00 to 11:00, memorial ceremonies will be held in the monument area of CC Memorial Mauthausen. Detailed information is in the programm.

CC Memorial Mauthausen -  
Chapel  
Oberösterreich**09:45****Ecumenical church service**

with Diocese Bishop Dr. Manfred SCHEUER, Pastor Dr. Hannelore REINER and Priest Ioannis NIKOLITSIS

**Musical accompaniment:** Musica Viva - Mauthausen Parish Choir, led by Alfred HOCHEDLINGER

CC Memorial Mauthausen  
Oberösterreich**10:20**

**Assembly** of the large Italian delegation and Austrian youth groups in orderly formation at the former muster ground. Therefore, from 10:20h entering or leaving the ground will be very difficult. Please try to be at the former muster ground by **10:50h** at the latest.

CC Memorial Mauthausen  
Oberösterreich**11:00****Collective liberation celebration at former muster ground**

The joint memorial ceremony begins with the reading of the Mauthausen Oath in various languages.

**Welcoming address:** Willi MERNYI, Chair of the Austrian Mauthausen Committee

**Presented by:** Konstanze BREITEBNER, Mercedes ECHERER

**Musical accompaniment** by the "Widerstand" ensemble and the "Militärmusik OÖ"

**Memorial speeches:** During the memorial procession, representatives of national victim organizations from Germany, Poland, Russia and Hungary will address the crowds in their national languages.

CC Memorial Mauthausen  
Oberösterreich**12:45**

**Joint departure parade** - similar to the first liberation ceremonies of CC survivors - with all participants at the end of the festivities.  
Official end of the Liberation Commemoration

**TUESDAY, 16. JANUARY 2018****RIED IM INNKREIS**Bildungshaus St. Franziskus  
Oberösterreich**20:00****Book presentation, reading & discussion of "An Marysia"**

A family history in letters 1935-1950, edited by Helga HOFER, Hans JOACHIM and Sofia BREUSTEDT.

Organizer: OÖ VBW Ried, Treffpunkt der Frau (Women's Meetingplace)

**SATURDAY, 3. FEBRUARY 2018****MAUTHAUSEN**CC Memorial Besucherzentrum  
Oberösterreich**13:00 - 18:00****Hiking in the footsteps of the Mühlviertler Hasenjagd**

Short introduction to this Nazi war crime; then hike along the main escape route - Schloß Marbach - through a forest to Ried in der Riedmark to the memorial (3,5 km) with Franz AIGENBAUER, NR Sabine SCHATZ and Bernhard MÜHLEDER. Closing in restaurant Kirchenwirt Ried. Talk with eyewitness Anna HACKL.

Registration and additional information at [www.perspektive-mauthausen.at](http://www.perspektive-mauthausen.at)

Organizer: perspektive mauthausen

**SUNDAY, 4. FEBRUARY 2018****GALLNEUKIRCHEN**Monument for Peace, Anton-  
Riepl-Straße  
Oberösterreich**18:00****Memorial ceremony at the local "Monument for Peace"**

Theme: Against apathy

Memorial address: Thomas BAUM

**THURSDAY, 15. FEBRUARY 2018****UTZENAICH**

Pfarrheim  
Oberösterreich

**20:00****Book presentation**

Gottfried GANSINGER, National Socialism im Bezirk Ried im Innkreis. Widerstand and Verfolgung 1938-1945

**THURSDAY, 22. FEBRUARY 2018****REICHERSBERG AM INN**

Monastery Reichersberg  
Oberösterreich

**19:30****Book presentation**

Gottfried GANSINGER, National Socialism im Bezirk Ried im Innkreis. Widerstand and Verfolgung 1938-1945 with particular attention to the events in the monastery parish

**THURSDAY, 1. MARCH 2018****MAUTHAUSEN**

Donausaal  
Oberösterreich

**20:00****"WOHIN" - Maria Hofstätter reads stories of people who had to flee**

At this event the middle school of Mauthausen will present photos and texts on the topic of "Living together". Photographer Volker WEIHBOLD will display his photos on the subject of "Escape".

Organizer: Perspektive Mauthausen

**TUESDAY, 13. MARCH 2018****RIED IM INNKREIS**

Track & field stadium  
Oberösterreich

**08:20****Pilgrimage to Dachau**

Bus trip from Ried im Innkreis - with Bishop Dr. Manfred SCHEUER, Superintendent Dr. Gerold LEHNER and other representatives of public and church life.

Organizer: KA OÖ

Additional information and registration: <https://www.dioezese-linz.at/site/ka/home/news/article/82917.html>

**THURSDAY, 15. MARCH 2018****ERLAUF**

Museum ERLAUF ERINNERT,  
Kirchenplatz 3  
Niederösterreich

**18:30****"Presentation of Spaces Between" - Website and Exhibit on memorial sites near Erlauf and Melk**

The research and dissemination project "Spaces Between" is dedicated to locations of Nazi crimes and the results of a changing culture of remembrance in the region around Erlauf and Melk.

Website <http://www.erlauferinnert.at/zwischenraeume/> functions as a platform for knowledge transfer and links locations and initiatives in the region. The goal of the project is to keep alive the remembrance of resistance and persecution during the Nazi regime. In addition to the presentation of the website and a temporary exhibit on the subject, project participants and cooperation partners will discuss current issues regarding dissemination and networking of regional memorial initiatives.

Moderation: Alexander HAUER (MERKwürdig. A series of events against violence and forgetting)

**RIED IM INNKREIS**

Bildungshaus St. Franziskus  
Oberösterreich

**20:00****Book presentation, reading & discussion**

Gudula WALTERSKIRCHEN: Mythen, Fakten and blinde Flecken in der Geschichte Österreichs (Myths, Facts and Blind Spots in Austria's History)

**SATURDAY, 24. MARCH 2018****OBERWART**Rathaus  
Burgenland**13:00 - 18:00**  
**Conference "And what does this have to do with me?" (German)****SUNDAY, 25. MARCH 2018****RECHNITZ**Memorial Kreuzstadl  
Burgenland**14:00**  
**Memorial ceremony**  
for all victims of the building of the Southeast Wall**THURSDAY, 29. MARCH 2018****VIENNA**Jewish Institute for Adult  
Education, Praterstern 1  
Wien**08:15 - 18:00**  
**18. Memorial trip to Engerau**  
Meeting point: Praterstern 1, at 8:15 am; departure: 8:30 am  
Unveiling of a memorial plaque for murdered Hungarian-Jewish forced laborers of camp  
Engerau in Hainburg.  
Registration until 24. March 2018 with: Dr. Claudia KURETSIDIS-HAIDER (E-Mail:  
[claudia.kuretsidis@nachkriegsjustiz.at](mailto:claudia.kuretsidis@nachkriegsjustiz.at))**FRIDAY, 30. MARCH 2018****HINTERBRÜHL**Memorial, Johannesgasse  
Niederösterreich**14:30**  
**Memorial ceremony and Way of the Cross****FRIDAY, 6. APRIL 2018****GRAZ-LIEBENAU**Memorial plaque, Anderseng.  
32-34  
Steiermark**18:00**  
**Memorial tour** of the former camp grounds at today's Grünanger**GRAZ**Parish Graz-Süd, Anton-Lippe  
Platz 1  
Steiermark**19:30**  
**Commemorative addresses and Memorial concert for the victims of forced labor and transit camp for Hungarian Jews**  
Addresses: Mag. Pastor Alois SOSTERIC, MR Dr. Rainer POSSERT, Landtagspräsidentin Dr.<sup>in</sup> Bettina VOLLATH, City councillor for culture Dr. Günter RIEGLER p.p. Major NAGL, Christa BAUER, MAS - CEO Mauthausen Committee Austria  
Music: Paul GULDA and Berndt Luef Jazztett Forum Graz**SUNDAY, 8. APRIL 2018****DACHAU**CC Memorial Dachau  
Bayern**11:00**  
**Ecumenical liturgy**  
in remembrance of the first transport of Austria opponents of National Socialism to CC Dachau on 1. and 2. April 1938  
Participants: retired bishop of the Diocese of Linz Dr. h.c. Maximilian AICHERN  
Bishop Dr. Michael BÜNKER  
Organizer: CC Memorial Dachau**BAD EISENKAPPEL, ŽELEZNA KAPLA**Cemetery in Eisenkappel  
Kärnten**11:00**  
**Memorial ceremony**  
in memory of the death of France PASTERK-LENART and all who are buried in the cemetery in Eisenkappel/Železna Kapla.

**THURSDAY, 12. APRIL 2018****WIEN-SIMMERING**

Haidestraße 22, Oriongasse,  
Restaurant "zur Bast"  
Wien

**14:00****Memorial ceremony at former satellite camp Vienna Saurer-Werke**

Numerous honoured guests, including representatives of the 11th district of Vienna as well as several representatives from embassies and victims' associations. At the end of the event, a wreath will be laid at the memorial stone where the camp once stood; Organised by: the vocational training colleges for: Hospitality; Food, tourism and dental technology; Retail and Computer Retail as well as the Mauthausen Committee and the Organisation Niemals Vergessen.

**LENZING**

Monument in Pettighofen  
Oberösterreich

**18:00****Memorial ceremony****ENNS**

St. Laurenz, Platz vor der  
Basilika  
Oberösterreich

**18:30****Memorial ceremony "Escape and Home"**

Remembering the victims der of the death marches of Jews from Mauthausen to Gunkirchen

Addresses: Major Franz Stefan KARLINGER, Gerhard RIEDL (MK Enns)

Music: Enns Ensemble

Organizer: Mauthausen Committee Enns

Parish hall, Lorch  
Oberösterreich

**19:30****Film and reading "Die Welt im Frühling verlassen" (German)**

about Bozena SKRABALEK (Czech resistance fighter, murdered in Mauthausen 10.04.1945), with author Herma KENNEL from Berlin

Organizer: Mauthausen Committee Enns

**SATURDAY, 14. APRIL 2018****PEGGAU**

Protestant parish Peggau,  
Margarethenstraße  
Steiermark

**14:00****Workshops by confirmees****16:00****Memorial march**

along the path of the prisoners from the work locations to the former camp grounds

Memorial Hinterberg  
Steiermark

**16:30****Memorial ceremony**

with text and musical contributions, and reading of the names of victims

**LINZ**

Parish Marcel Callo, Auwiesen  
Oberösterreich

**19:00****110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of cloth factory** - Ceremony and opening of exhibit

The cloth factory Himmelreich & Zwicker in Linz, constructed in 1908, was assigned to Otto Wagner School. After termination of industrial production in the mid-1980s, the building was adapted for apartments and for church rooms of parish Linz Marcel Callo. The parish patron Marcel Callo was a Catholic youth worker who, as an opponent of National Socialism, was murdered in March 1945 in CC Mauthausen. On the occasion of the ceremony for the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the cloth factory, an exhibit will be opened in cooperation with the Archive of the City of Linz.

**SUNDAY, 15. APRIL 2018****HOHENBERG**

Cemetery  
Niederösterreich

**11:00****Unveiling of a memorial plaque**

for the 6 people who died violently in the last days of the war in Hohenberg

Welcoming words: Mayor Heinrich PREUS

Memorial address: Dr. Hans HEISS, deputy of the Landtag in South Tyrol; Elisabeth MALLEIER, descendant of one of the victims

Closing words: Konstantin KAISER

Music: Hohenberger brass band

**MONDAY, 16. APRIL 2018 TILL FRIDAY, 20. APRIL 2018****LINZ**

Arbeiterkammer OÖ,  
Volksgartenstraße 40  
Oberösterreich

**08:30****Hermann Langbein Symposium 2018 (German)**

For 38 years the seminar "Ideology and Reality of National Socialism", better known as the "Hermann Langbein Symposium", has served as an important module in education on the topic of the Nazi era in Austria. The goal is to explain Nazi crimes and to provide comprehensive knowledge and information for antifascist clarification work for teachers of all types of schools. The affinity of the seminar venue to the memorials Mauthausen and Hartheim enables excursions that include these memorials and their educational services. Further information at [www.langbeinsymposium.at](http://www.langbeinsymposium.at).

**MONDAY, 16. APRIL 2018****GLEISDORF**

Cityhall  
Steiermark

**17:00****A Culture of Remembrance, But How? - Panel discussion with:**

Mag.<sup>a</sup> Johanna ZECHNER, curator of the ERLAUF ERINNERT museum; Dr.<sup>in</sup> Elisabeth FIEDLER, head and curator of the section of art in external spaces, department of art in public space Steiermark; Christoph STARK, mayor of Gleisdorf, member of parliament; Dr. Gerald LAMPRECHT, Karl Franzens University of Graz, [erinnern.at](http://erinnern.at); Mag. Markus WILFING, artist and instructor at Meisterschule für Kunst und Gestaltung Graz  
Moderation: Wolfgang SEEREITER, "Zukunft braucht Erinnerung"

**THURSDAY, 19. APRIL 2018****WIEN-INNERE STADT**

Documentation Centre of  
Austrian Resistance (DÖW),  
Wipplingerstr. 6-8  
Wien

**18:30****Book presentation "NS, Provinz und Vienna" (German)**

Gottfried Gansinger presents the book "National Socialism im Bezirk Ried im Innkreis" (Nazism in the county of Ried) and its many relations to Vienna

This book presentation, with reading of excerpts, shows examples of the unbelievably intensive persecution that are over and over again related to Vienna. This occurred in the shadow of a network of local transregional perpetrators from the Innviertel (in Upper Austria).

Opening: Stephan ROTH, Mitarbeiter DÖW

Introduction and moderation: Josef PUMBERGER, board member of Mauthausen Committee Austria

Afterwards wine and bread sponsored by attorney Dr. Klemens DALLINGER

We request registration: [office@doew.at](mailto:office@doew.at)

**FRIDAY, 20. APRIL 2018****STADT SALZBURG**

Ignaz Rieder Kai 21  
Salzburg

**11:00****Memorial ceremony at monument for Roma and Sinti**

During the Nazi regime, Roma and Sinti were rounded up at the former harness racing race-course and from there brought to the Maxglan camp. After the Auschwitz Edict, the camp in Maxglan was closed and the majority of the 300 Roma and Sinti held there were deported to Auschwitz Concentration Camp. A small group was sent to the "Gypsy stopping camp" Lackenbach.

**WEDNESDAY, 25. APRIL 2018****ANSFELDEN**

Kremsbrücke, Gh. Stockinger  
Oberösterreich

**18:00****Memorial ceremony against forgetting - "Escape and Home"**

"Forgetting evil grants permission to repeat."

Geh-denken (marching to remember) 2018 for humanitarian togetherness, a memorial ceremony to remember those murdered in the death marches of Jews from Mauthausen to Günskirchen.

Organizer: Plattform "Wider das Vergessen", MK Ansfelden, Treffpunkt mensch & arbeit Nettingsdorf, ÖGB Linz-Land

**WELS**

Jewish memorial Cemetery  
Oberösterreich

**18:30****Commemoration of the victims of the death marches of Hungarian Jews**

The complete disregard of human rights in the philosophy of National Socialism led to the genocide of millions of innocents. All avowed democrats are therefore compelled to fight against the extreme Right of today. Commemorative addresses: Dr. Wilhelm ACHLEITNER, Director Bildungshauses Puchberg; Mag. Werner RETZL, Initiative gegen Faschismus in Wels. Musical accompaniment: A Capella Chor Wels.

**THURSDAY, 26. APRIL 2018****ST. AEGYD/NEUWALDE**

Kulturstadel, Marktplatz  
Niederösterreich

**18:30****Memorial ceremony**

The memorial ceremony under the motto "Flight and Home" will be led by pupils of Middle School St. Aegyde along with the school choir. In the realm of the memorial ceremony, there will be the traditional Silent March to the CC memorial on the site of the Catholic cemetery.

Guest speaker: Katharina STEMBERGER, Integration House, Vienna

**RIED IM INNKREIS**

Lern- und Gedenkort Charlotte  
Taitl-Haus, Roßmarkt  
Oberösterreich

**19:00****Minutes of silence**

for the 40 victims of CC Dachau from the county of Ried im Innkreis

Stadtsaal  
Oberösterreich

**20:00****Memorial ceremony**

for die victims of CC Dachau from the county of Ried im Innkreis

**THURSDAY, 3. MAY 2018****WIEN-FLORIDSDORF**

Bezirksmuseum  
Wien

**10:00****Memorial ceremony****WIENER NEUSTADT**

Serbenhalle, Pottendorferstraße  
Niederösterreich

**11:00****Wreath ceremony**

Always somebody! Always somewhere! Always sometime! Never me? Never here? Never now?

City hall, Hauptplatz 1-3  
Niederösterreich

**18:30****Memorial ceremony** in the City hall of Wr. Neustadt

Speaker: Kurt BAUER, historian

**PERSENBEUG A.D. DONAU**

Marktplatz  
Niederösterreich

**18:00****Remembering the Massacre of Hofamt Priel**



**FRIDAY, 4. MAY 2018****GLEISDORF**

Shoah Memorial, Rathausplatz  
Steiermark

**10:00****Celebrating the Commemoration Day against Violence and Racism**

Topic "Escape and Home"; with the participation of secondary school students of NMS Gleisdorf and BG/BRG Gleisdorf, Commemoration speech by Dr. Edda ENGELKE, historian, refugee assistant  
Organizer: association "Zukunft braucht Erinnerung" (future needs remembrance)

**LINZ**

Memorial Linz III, Lunzerstraße  
74  
Oberösterreich

**10:00****Memorial ceremony commemorating the liberation of satellite camp Linz III**  
Wreath ceremony**KIRCHDORF A.D. KREMS**

Monument "Todesmarsch und  
Zivilcourage", Steiermärker  
Straße 26  
Oberösterreich

**14:30 - 15:30****Memorial ceremony at monument "Death march and civil courage"****WEYER-DIPOLDsau**

Memorial  
Oberösterreich

**16:00****Memorial ceremony**

Topic: 30 years of remembrance at Dipoldsau in Weyer on the Enns River:  
A retrospect of 30 years of remembrance with many initiators and participants of memorial ceremonies since 1988  
Musical contributions: Robert GRADAUER, Marion AHAMER with Choir Vocabella, Mag. Hannes SULZER and Music School Weyer/Großraming, John SWEENEY, and others.  
Greetings by regional and national political representatives and Weyer mayor Gerhard KLAFFNER  
Guests of honor: Karl LINDNER (text design of the first memorial in 1988), Alois LINDENBAUER (artistic design of the memorial 1988 and the memorial 2005)  
Memorial address: Robert EITER (speaker of Upper Austrian Network against Racism and Right-Wing Extremism, Member of the Board of Mauthausen Committee Austria)  
Artistic/political action by cultural association Frikulum  
Prayer by pastor Walter DORFER  
Organizer: Mauthausen Committee Weyer/Dipoldsau

**SPITAL AM PYHRN**

St. Leonhard church  
Oberösterreich

**17:00****Memorial ceremony for the victims of National socialism in the Home for non-German Children**

A scenic collage of the fates of children assembled by students ORG ROSE (high school) in Steyr condenses history in stories and makes it visible.  
Musical framework: Flute Ensemble Windischgarsten  
Wreath ceremony  
Organizer: Gedenkinitiative Spital am Pyhrn (commemorative initiative)

**ST. VALENTIN**

Anna-Strasser-Platz  
Niederösterreich

**17:00****Memorial ceremony****EBENSEE**

"Löwengang", Alte Traunstraße  
Oberösterreich

**17:30****"Stations of Concern"****REDL-ZIPF**

Monument  
Oberösterreich

**18:30****Memorial ceremony and book presentation**

Presentation of the German version of Cyril Mallet's book "Raketen aus der Brauerei" about the subcamp Schlier.

**SATURDAY, 5. MAY 2018****GUNSKIRCHEN**

Monument, Bundesstrasse 1  
Oberösterreich

**10:00****"Walk of Solidarity"**

On the day of the liberation of the former concentrations camp Gunskirchen we commit together with survivors of the camp the "Walk of Solidarity".

CC-cemetery  
Oberösterreich

**10:30****Liberation ceremony**

The Liberation ceremony at the site of the former concentration camp Gunskirchen begins with a joint "Walk of Solidarity".

Welcoming words: Mayor Josef STURMAIR, Gunskirchen. Memorial address: former Federal Chancellor Dr. Franz VRANITZKY, György FRISCH, Representative of the hungarian jewish community and Dr. Robert EITER, Chairmember Mauthausen Committee Austria. Co-operated with Neuen Mittelschule Gunskirchen, Landesmusikschule Gunskirchen and Singkreises Edt bei Lambach.

**EBENSEE**

CC victim cemetery  
Oberösterreich

**10:30****73. International Liberation Ceremony**

Speakers: Susanne SCHOLL and CC Ebensee survivor Stanley (Zoltan) BERNATH

**FÜRSTENFELD**

City park Fürstenfeld  
(monument to the victims of  
death marches of April 1945)  
Steiermark

**12:00 - 13:00****Vigil for the victims of National Socialism  
and against violence and extremism of any kind**

Topic: Escape and home

Speaker: Gerald L. GUSCHLBAUER

Music: Modesta TRUMMER, Paul ROCH and others

**SANKT GEORGEN A.D. GUSEN**

Brunnenweg  
Oberösterreich

**15:00****Wreath ceremony**

at entrance of tunnel known as "Bergkristall"

Guided tours of the remaining memorial tunnels of "Bergkristall" on May 3, 4 and 5.

Introductory presentation in Museum St. Georgen, Färbergasse 4.

Registration: [rupert.pils@mauthausen-memorial.org](mailto:rupert.pils@mauthausen-memorial.org) or tel. +43 7238 226 95

**LANGENSTEIN**

Memorial Gusen  
Oberösterreich

**17:00****International liberation ceremony under the motto "Escape and Displacement"**

Reports from various nations regarding displacement of persons by the Nazis and their deportation to Gusen. Current reports from Afghan refugees residing in the area of St. Georgen.

Lecture: Gunther TRÜBSWASSER, Head of SOS Menschenrechte (Human Rights): "Human rights apply for everyone"

Welcome: former prisoners

Music of Polish composer Jan SZTMRTNIA, murdered in Gusen in 1940: Music School of the city of Czeconsyn (Poland)

**NEUMARKT**

Schloss Lind  
Steiermark

**20:00****Seasonal opening of Schloss Lind / a different homeland museum**

Reading from the book "Ich bin nur mehr ein Schatten, Briefe der Else POSAMENTIER" (German). Author Michael SCHIESTL will read from his book about the fate of a Judenburger Jew and her family.

Concert: The ensemble TRIOSphäre, led by cellist Cornelia PERWEIN, was founded September 2012 by young musicians from Carinthia and Styria. Cornelia PERWEIN, Tatjana WURZER and Raphael KASPRIAN present seldom performed chamber music as a framework for the reading by Michael SCHIESTL.

**SUNDAY, 6. MAY 2018****MAUTHAUSEN**

CC Memorial Mauthausen -  
Leopold Figl Memorial  
Oberösterreich

**09:00****Memorial ceremony at Leopold Figl Memorial**

Moment of silence with state secretary Mag.<sup>a</sup> Karoline EDTSTADLER

CC Memorial Mauthausen -  
Monument for Roma and Sinti  
Oberösterreich

**09:00****Memorial ceremony**

Representatives of Austrian Roma and Sinti organizations will commemorate their Nazi victims with a wreath ceremony at the monument for Roma and Sinti

CC Memorial Mauthausen -  
Wailing Wall  
Oberösterreich

**09:15****Memorial Ceremony**

from the CC-Verband/VdA OÖ for 42 resistance fighters killed on the 28.-29. April 1945.

CC Memorial Mauthausen -  
Memorial  
Oberösterreich

**10:00****Memorial ceremony at Richard Bernaschek Memorial**

Memorial ceremony of Bundes Sozialdemokratischer FreiheitskämpferInnen (Union of Social Democratic Freedom Fighters), Opfer des Faschismus (Victims of Fascism) and active antifascists

**Speaker:** Chairman of the Social Democratic Party (SPÖ) Mag. Christian KERN

**RIED/RIEDMARK**

Monument for "Mühlviertler  
Hasenjagd"  
Oberösterreich

**15:30****Memorial ceremony for Mühlviertler Hasenjagd**

with contributions by MP Sabine SCHATZ and Mayor Ernst RABL. Memorial address: former Federal President Dr. Heinz FISCHER

**MONDAY, 7. MAY 2018****AMSTETTEN**

Memorial, Eisenreichdornach  
Niederösterreich

**10:00****Memorial ceremony**

Ecumenical prayer and wreath ceremony

Speakers: representatives of the city of Amstetten, Yolande THONET (representing Willy PYPEN, President of Amicale de Mauthausen, Belgium) and representatives of the Initiative Amstetten; cultural and music program of schools of Amstetten (Ostarrichi Gymnasium, HAK, HLW, BAKIP, vocational school)

**MELK**

CC Memorial, Melk Memorial  
Niederösterreich

**10:30****Liberation ceremony**

Organization: students from the county of Melk  
Moderation: Alexander HAUER

**STEYR**

CC Monument, Haagerstraße  
Oberösterreich

**17:30****Liberation ceremony**

Greeting: Mag. Karl RAMSMAIER, MK Steyr;

Greetings: Dr. Michael SCHODERMAYER, alderman of the city Steyr

Memorial address: Dr. Isolde CHARIM, philosopher and publicist, Vienna

Words of remembrance: Daniel SIMON, Amicale de Mauthausen

Music; Performance: Students, ORG ROSE Steyr

Wreath ceremony, minutes of silence at CC monument

(If bad weather, in fire department Münchenholz, Prinzstraße 1a, 4400 Steyr)

**WR. NEUDORF**

Old town hall, Rathausplatz 1  
Niederösterreich

**19:30****Memorial concert**

Reception of the municipality in the old town hall for the Polish delegation

Welcome: Herbert JANSCHKA, Mayor of Wr. Neudorf; Jürgen H. GANGOLY, head of memorial association

Concert with young Polish artists from the Music Academy Krakau (Chopin, List etc.)

**TUESDAY, 8. MAY 2018****HINTERBRÜHL**

Memorial Hinterbrühl,  
Johannesstraße  
Niederösterreich

**09:00**

**Wreath ceremony** at Hinterbrühl Memorial  
09:45 Tour of Seegrotte Hinterbrühl  
(08:45 joint departure Hotel Best Western Shopping City South)

**WIEN-INNERE STADT**

Monument Morzinplatz  
Wien

**10:30**

**Wreath ceremony**  
at memorial to victims of the Gestapo, at Morzinplatz

Heldenplatz  
Wien

**20:00**

**Festival of Joy**  
On the occasion of the 73rd anniversary of Austria's liberation from the Nazi terror regime, Mauthausen Committee Austria will host the sixth Festival of Joy.

**GUNTRAMSDORF**

Memorial Guntramsdorf,  
Industriestraße 21  
Niederösterreich

**11:00**

**Wreath ceremony**  
Music on arrival  
Welcome: Mayor Robert WEBER, Andreas FRANK, Jürgen H. GANGOLY

**WR. NEUDORF**

Memorial Wr. Neudorf,  
Eumigweg/Palmersstraße  
Niederösterreich

**11:45**

**Wreath ceremony**  
Welcome: Mayor Herbert JANSCHKA  
Speakers: Polish embassy and a survivor (incl. translation)  
Musical framework

**BRAUNAU**

Monument in Braunau  
Oberösterreich

**18:00**

**Memorial ceremony at the monument in Braunau**  
for the victims of National socialism and war  
Speaker: Dr. Reinhold MITTERLEHNER, ret. Vice-chancellor  
Music: Democratic Chorus Braunau

**VILLACH**

Monument of the names,  
Widmannsgasse  
Kärnten

**18:00**

**Commemorating the victims of Nazi tyranny in Villach**

**ATTNANG-PUCHHEIM**

Monument, train station  
Oberösterreich

**18:30**

**Wreath ceremony**

Phönixsaal  
Oberösterreich

**19:00**

**Memorial ceremony**  
Speaker: Cornelius OBONYA, actor

**EBENSEE**

Cinema Ebensee  
Oberösterreich

**20:00**

**Film "Murer - Anatomie eines Prozesses" (German)**

**WEDNESDAY, 9. MAY 2018****VÖCKLABRUCK**

Berufsschule Vöcklabruck  
Oberösterreich

**13:30**

**Memorial ceremony**  
Organized by students from the Berufsschule Vöcklabruck

**LINZ**

Chapel of the Private Pedagogic  
College of the Diocese Linz,  
Salesianumweg 3  
Oberösterreich

**19:00****Memorial ceremony for satellite camp Linz II**

Theme: "Home ... less!?"

Organization: students of the 8th grade at Adalbert Stifter Middle School

**THURSDAY, 10. MAY 2018****EBENSEE**

Cinema Ebensee  
Oberösterreich

**20:00****Film** "Murer - Anatomie eines Prozesses" (German)**SATURDAY, 12. MAY 2018****GREIFENBURG**

Monument/Train Station  
Kärnten

**17:00****Memorial ceremony for the victims of National Socialism in the Upper Drautal**

Subject: The political takeover of the Nationalsocialists in the Upper Drautal

Speakers: Gernot NISCHELWITZER, Dr. Paul HASSLER, Peter PIRKER; Reading of historical documents by students of the HLW Spittal/Drau; Musical performance by Christiof HOFER (Akkordeon)

**SUNDAY, 13. MAY 2018****GALLNEUKIRCHEN**

Monument for Peace, Anton-  
Riepl-Straße  
Oberösterreich

**18:30****Memorial ceremony at the Monument for Peace**

Guiding theme: 100 years Republic of Austria - Wrestling with Democracy

Memorial address: Franz FROSCHAUER

**SUNDAY, 27. MAY 2018****STRASSHOF**

Monument, Helmahofstraße  
Niederösterreich

**11:30****Act of Remembrance**

for the victims of the transit camp for foreign forced labores in Strasshof.

Speaker: Ludwig DELTL, Mayor of Strasshof; Bernhard BLANK, head of workgroup Arbeitsgruppe Strasshof; János SCHIFFER, head of Union of Hungarian Nazi Victims. The event is organized jointly with the Union of Hungarian Nazi Victims.

**SATURDAY, 9. JUNE 2018****LOIBLPASS**

Memorial, Zollamtsvorplatz  
Kärnten

**09:00****Memorial and liberation ceremony**

This memorial ceremony strives to anchor the long forgotten satellite camp of Mauthausen in the cultural memory of Austria and Carylthia.

Mauthausen Committee Carylthia/Koroška as organizer feels an obligation to the CC victims of Loiblpass to preserve in honored memory their stories of suffering and dying, but also their courageous resistance and survival. Memorial address: Ludwig LAHER, writer; Voices of eyewitnesses: Lutz POPPER; Voice of youth: Texts written by students (WI'MO Klagenfurt); Musical framework: Students-Ensemble BRG Viktring

Memorial, Loibl Süd, Slowenien  
Kärnten

**11:00****Memorial and liberation ceremony**

**SUNDAY, 24. JUNE 2018****BAD EISENKAPPEL, ŽELEZNA KAPLA**

Koprein, Petzen 3, Peršmanhof  
Kärnten

**14:00****Memorial ceremony at Peršmanhof**

In 1942, the mountain farm of the Carinthian-Slovenian Sadovnik family was an important support point of the resistance movement. Before the end of the war, on 25 April 1945, the Sadovnik and Kogoj family paid for their support of the resistance with the lives of 11 of their family. Members of the SS and the 13th Police Regiment carried out a massacre at Peršmanhof that has become embedded as a symbol of their suffering. The crime remained judicially unpunished.

**SATURDAY, 30. JUNE 2018****GOLDEGG-WENG**

Meeting point: restaurant  
"Seeblick am Böndlsee"  
Salzburg

**09:00 - 18:00****Memorial hike commemorating the victims of the 2nd July 1944 in Goldegg****GOLDEGG**

Monument  
Salzburg

**19:00****Memorial ceremony**

at the monument in Goldegg to commemorate the victims of the Gestapo raid on 2 July 1944

**WEDNESDAY, 4. JULY 2018****PRÄBICHL**

Ski-Arena  
Steiermark

**09:45****12. March of Life**

9:45 Uhr: Meeting point for march along the path of former prisoners over Almhäuser to Passhöhe

Monument  
Steiermark

**11:00****Memorial ceremony****FRIDAY, 28. SEPTEMBER 2018****TERNBERG**

Parish barracks, Spielfeldstraße  
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Oberösterreich

**18:30****Memorial ceremony**

Addresses: Retired Gov. Dr. Josef PÜHRINGER, Robert AISTLEITNER (head of Catholic Youth of Upper Austria)  
Organizer: Catholic Youth Upper Austria, Region Ennstal  
Co-organizer: parish, municipality, Music Assoc. and Red Cross of Ternberg

**MONDAY, 1. OCTOBER 2018****ALKOVEN**

Lern- und Gedenkort Schloss  
Hartheim  
Oberösterreich

**17:00****Memorial ceremony**

Annual memorial ceremony for the victims of Nazi euthanasia in Schloss Hartheim

**SATURDAY, 6. OCTOBER 2018****BAD EISENKAPPEL, ŽELEZNA KAPLA**

Koprein, Petzen 3, Peršmanhof  
Kärnten

**18:00 - 01:00****Long night at Peršman Museum****ST. PANTALEON**

Memorial site, Moosachstraße  
Oberösterreich

**18:00**

**Memorial ceremony** with wreath laying  
Memorial address: Renate WELSH

**ST. PANTALEON**

Municipal office,  
Pantaleonerstraße 25  
Oberösterreich

**18:45****Reading and discussion**

with Renate WELSH. (including, in German, from: In die Waagschale geworfen. Österreich im Widerstand)

**SUNDAY, 28. OCTOBER 2018****GOLDEGG**

Monument at recuperation  
facility of Salzburger  
Gebietskrankenkasse  
Salzburg

**14:00****Memorial ceremony**

Informal remembrance of Karl RUPITSCH, August EGGER, Kaspar WIND and Alois BUDER, who as deserters from the Nazi military or for supporting such, were murdered on 28 Oct. 1944 in CC Mauthausen.

**THURSDAY, 1. NOVEMBER 2018****HINTERBRÜHL**

Memorial, Johannesgasse  
Niederösterreich

**18:00****Memorial ceremony on All-Saints Day**

created by participants

**FRIDAY, 2. NOVEMBER 2018****PICHL BEI WELS**

Parish church  
Oberösterreich

**19:00****Memorial ceremony for the victims of the Home for non-Aryan Children in Schloss Etzelsdorf**

All-Souls' Day service

Following: memorial service at cemetery

**THURSDAY, 8. NOVEMBER 2018****WARTBERG OB DER AIST**

Monument  
Oberösterreich

**19:30****Memorial ceremony for "Mühlviertler Menschenjagd"****FRIDAY, 9. NOVEMBER 2018****WIEN-LANDSTRASSE**

Platz der Opfer der Deportation -  
Leon Zelman Park  
Wien

**18:00****Vigil and ceremony**

at monument in front of former Aspang train station

**SATURDAY, 17. NOVEMBER 2018****LACKENBACH**

Memorial  
Burgenland

**11:00****Memorial ceremony**

at the monument for Roma and Sinti. On 23 November 1940 in a former farm, the Nazis set up the "Gypsy camp" Lackenbach. Of some 4000 Roma and Sinti imprisoned in camp Lackenbach, in Autumn 1941 2000 were deported to the ghetto Lodz/Litzmannstadt and murdered. Only 300 to 400 prisoners survived until the April 1945 liberation by Soviet troops.

**MONDAY, 10. DECEMBER 2018****AFLENZ**

CC Memorial, Römersteinbruch  
Steiermark

**Time will be announced****Memorial ceremony**

on "Human Rights Day" with wreath ceremony

Time to be announced

**MONDAY, 31. DECEMBER 2018****HINTERBRÜHL**

Memorial, Johannesgasse  
Niederösterreich

**18:00****Memorial ceremony at turn of year****DATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED****GOLDEGG**

Salzburg

**Time will be announced****Excursion to a site commemorating Austrian resistance**Date and location will be announced in July at [www.goldeggerdeserteure.at](http://www.goldeggerdeserteure.at)