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## Österreichischer Ball in Paris

Vienna, the world capital of music, invites you to indulge in the city's unique spirit again for a truly memorable evening following the two-year break due to the pandemic.

During the age of Viennese Classicism alone, the city inspired outstanding composers like Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven and their world-renowned music. The Austrian capital city has become equally famous as the international capital of dance and Viennese ball tradition. Everywhere in the world, people mark the start of the New Year with the legendary Blue Danube Waltz and signature dance tunes written by the members of the Strauss dynasty. Thanks to their unique music, and an atmosphere imbued with the distinctive spirit of Vienna, the traditional Viennese Balls abroad have become major international events.

Finally, our guests in Paris will again get to hear "Alles Walzer!" – the traditional prompt for the crowd to take to the dance floor at the annual Opera Ball in Vienna. With the legendary Viennese Balls in other countries, the City of Vienna shares its life-affirming spirit of friendship and ease with the entire world. The Austrian Ball in Paris counts among the most glamorous of its kind. It is a symbol for joy, peace and international understanding.

On this note, my best wishes go out to the organisers for a most successful event, and to all visitors for a truly unforgettable evening as you enjoy the unique spirit of Vienna under the spell of traditional Viennese Waltz.

Dr. Michael Ludwig,

Bürgermeister und Landeshauptmann von Wien