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# “Concert in the Dark” features German tuba and piano duo

Experience a concert with a twist.

The Goethe-Institut Philippinen is treating everyone to a free concert in total darkness as it plays host to renowned German musicians **Andreas Martin Hofmeir (tuba) and Barbara Schmelz (piano)** this **January 17**. The aptly titled “Concert in the Dark” takes place at the **Aldaba Recital Hall** at the University of the Philippines (UP) Diliman and will commence at **7:00 pm**.

The duo will perform pieces from different composers around Europe in a program dubbed “European Journey”. The repertoire includes classics by Schubert, Schumann and Wagner.

A professor at the Universität Mozarteum Salzburg (University of Music and the Performing Arts Mozarteum Salzburg), Andreas Martin Hofmeir founded the popular Bavarian band LaBrassBanda and is a multiple award-winning cabaret performer. He is a sought-after soloist and chamber musician and has given master classes all over the world. In 2004 he won the prestigious “Città di Porcia” International Tuba Competition and until 2008 was solo tubist with the Bruckner-Orchester Linz under Dennis Russell Davies.

Organist Barbara Schmelz is a renowned product of the Universität Mozarteum Salzburg and the Royal Academy of Music in Copenhagen. She heads the established concert series Musiktage Waging and is currently working as regional cantor in the church music department of the Diocese of Passau. Her broad musical spectrum ranges from concertante and liturgical organ playing to singing, choir and ensemble conducting to improvisation, whereby the connection of music and liturgy plays an emphasized role.

“Concert in the Dark” is part of a series of musical engagements organized by the Goethe-Institut in Southeast Asia called *anders hören* or “listen differently”. This annual offering is meant to introduce the audiences in the region to not-so-common forms of appreciating music.

Admission to the concert is free on a first-come-first-served basis. For more information, go to [Goethe.de/Manila](http://Goethe.de/Manila).

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