



## PRESS RELEASE



### **The Residence is the magnificent centerpiece of the new "DomQuartier"** *200 years of history of style in the Salzburg Residence*

With the opening of Salzburg's new "DomQuartier" on May 17, 2014, the archbishop residence will be part of a unique baroque tour in which the unlimited power of the prince archbishops is also displayed in the architecture. The complex consisting of Residence and Cathedral, and including the Benedictine Monastery of St. Peter, will be open to the public for the first time in 200 years. The Residence served the archbishops over the centuries as urban residence and for representation purposes. The 15 state rooms at Residence Square 1 still reflect the influences of past rulers. These spaces are among the most sought-after event venues in the old town of Salzburg: In addition to official receptions – galas, corporate events, fairs and concerts as well as performances also take place in the courtyard.

Behind the facade of the Salzburg Residence is hidden the earlier periods of construction of the episcopal city palace which occurred over the course of centuries and owes its present appearance to the Prince Archbishop Wolf Dietrich von Raitenau (1559 - 1617). The first documented mention of the Residence dates back to the year 1232. Opulent and quite extravagant, the ecclesiastical and secular leaders of Salzburg established themselves here and so demonstrated their power: Neo-classical pottery kilns, Venetian mirrors, ceiling frescoes by Johann Michael Rottmayr, crystal chandeliers of Bohemian smoked glass, High Baroque stucco ceilings with gold leaf, precious watches and paintings offer a glimpse into the life of the archbishops of Salzburg. The luxurious rooms reflect the efforts taken by the Archbishop for an audience and the great role hierarchy, power and arbitrariness played.

#### **Magnificent state rooms and residential rooms in Salzburg's "DomQuartier"**

The exhibition tour takes the same route through the state rooms as ambassadors of foreign princes followed for an audience with the Archbishop: From the spacious, rather simply decorated reception rooms through to the most valuable room, the audience hall. The individual visit with an audio guide in eight languages includes the 600 m<sup>2</sup> Carabinieri Hall, the Knight's Hall, the Audience Hall with the oldest wooden floor of the residence - made from oak, maple and walnut, the master bedroom with private chapel, the Throne Room and the White Room. The Residence is built around three courtyards with more than 180 rooms and also houses a part of the University of Salzburg as well as the Residence Gallery on the 3rd Floor. In the state rooms, events, exclusive parties and fairs take place, organ concerts in the nightly Franciscan Church are available for groups on request. A total of nine rooms, the courtyard and arcades are available as venues for 20-645 people. The tour of the Residence is included in the entrance ticket of the "DomQuartier", free admission is also included with the "Salzburg Card". Visitors have access to W-LAN and the mobile site "Comic & Guide" for smart phones.

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#### **Residenz of Salzburg:**

Residenzplatz 1, 5020 Salzburg  
**Opening hours after May 17: open daily, except Tuesday,  
from 10 am – 5 pm (July/August: open daily)**