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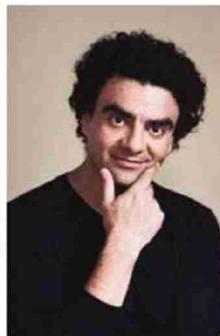


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The first year of "Andermatt Swiss Alps Classics" is taking place from 25 June to 1 July 2017 in the charming Ursern Valley in Switzerland.



**Above**, a panoramic view of the Ursern Valley with the village of Andermatt. **Below**, from left, the pianist Igor Levit, the soprano Olga Peretyatko and the tenor Rolando Villazón.

**W**ith a programme made for those who share a passion for high calibre classical music and opera, the exclusive festival showcases world-renowned artists performing in an intimate setting with the exceptional backdrop of the Swiss Alps. Undoubtedly set to become one of Switzerland's most unique music festivals, "Andermatt Swiss Alps Classics" is taking place at various locations in and around the region, including; The Chedi Andermatt Hotel, the magnificent Sasso San Gottardo perched along the famous Gotthard Pass and the charming Parish Church St. Peter & Paul. With the event the "Andermatt Swiss Alps Classics" or-

ganisers together with founder Peter-Michael Reichel pursue the ambition of bringing renowned international artists to the village of Andermatt, adding a new cultural format to the region. Artistic Director Prof. Dr Clemens Hellsberg (former Chairman of The Vienna Philharmonic) has selected a world-class ensemble of artists for this debut year. From 25 June until 1 July 2017 each day feels distinctive as renowned artists deliver their personal performances, often accompanied by our newly founded Swiss Alps Chamber Ensemble. Throughout the festival the life and work of Mozart represents the central theme in all orchestrations of the festival pro-

gramme. Opening the festival is international pianist Igor Levit who has played at prestigious events and venues all over the world. Guests can also enjoy talks and personal encounters with artists including Dominique Meyer, Director of the Vienna State Opera, and Rolando Villazón, Ambassador of the Salzburg Mozart Week and the Mozarteum Foundation, as well as performances from multi-award-winning Austrian conductor Martin Haselböck and Russian Opera singer Olga Peretyatko. This classical music festival supports the ambitious construction venture of resort developer Samih Sawiris; "Andermatt Swiss Alps Project", in revitalising the elegance and luxury of this tourist destination. This construction project of around 3,800 additional lodgings distributed between 6 hotels, 490 apartments and 25 luxury villas contributes together with the Andermatt Swiss Alps Classics to awake the sleepy Swiss mountain village and make it to a year-round holiday destination. ■