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Artistic Director Extends Contract for Mozart Week in Salzburg

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The French conductor Marc Minkowski has renewed his term as artistic director of Mozart Week, the annual celebration of Mozart's music presented by the Salzburg Mozarteum Foundation, the foundation announced on Monday. The festival typically runs during the week that includes Mozart's birthday (Jan. 27) in Salzburg, the Austrian city where he was born. Mr. Minkowski's term will run through the 2017 festival.

Though as a conductor, he is the public face of the festival, Mr. Minkowski shares the programming responsibilities with Matthias Schulz, the executive managing director and artistic director of the foundation.

In announcing Mr. Minkowski's contract extension, the foundation also announced its plans for next year's festival, which will run from Jan. 22 to Feb. 1, 2015. The centerpiece of the festival's programming will be a staging of Mozart's 1785 cantata, "Davide Penitente" in a production by Bartabas, a French director whose specialty is equestrian theater. As a way to put Mozart's music in perspective, the festival will also include works by Schubert — all the symphonies, as well as an opera, "Alfonso und Estrella" — and music by Elliott Carter.