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Dear Chairpersons,

In the last Newsletter (9/2025), you read about the agreements governing ticket orders for RWVI members – agreements that were identical to those of the previous year.

In the meantime, it has become clear that the great success of the ticket packages and the additional demand recorded for the anniversary year have led to a very low number of remaining tickets. While there were still 15,000 left last year, there are only 3,000 left this year.

The fact that ticket packages were offered from 25 July 2025 came as a complete surprise to the RWVI. That is why I went to the 'green hill' on 26 July to express our dissatisfaction, given that local associations had not been given the opportunity to prepare for this. They were informed of this in Newsletter 5/2025.

Last week, we had several contacts with the Festspielhaus to resolve the issue of tickets ordered for 2026. Many local associations did not receive all the tickets they had ordered or even received only a small portion of them. In addition, the regular processing of ticket orders is still ongoing; these are requests from local associations that have not yet received a response from the ticket office.

This morning, another telephone conversation took place with Mr Sense, the commercial director. The following agreements were reached:

- Local associations that have not received all the tickets they ordered can contact the ticket office. This will enable them, if necessary, to obtain some of the tickets intended for general sale. However, the Ring cycles are completely sold out.
- If this does not work, it will still be possible to try to obtain additional tickets from 30 November. From 14:00 (CET), you can do so at the following address: www.bayreuther-festspiele.de/karten-service/rund-um-kartenbestellung-und-kauf/

I have also contacted Stefanie Kolmer, managing director of the Scholarship Foundation. Due to the late registration of some scholarship holders by various local associations, there is a delay in the provision of the tickets for accompanying persons. The provision of those cards is guaranteed, but not their number, which will

depend on the total number of cards made available by the Festspielhaus. The ticket office will contact you regarding tickets for accompanying persons.

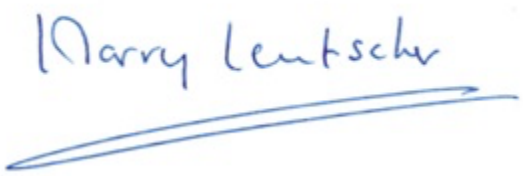
In addition, we contacted Ina Besser-Eichler, Managing Director of the Society of Friends of Bayreuth (GdF), today. She is willing to assist local associations or GdF member presidents in their search for tickets that are still available.

I am aware that the above agreements are unsatisfactory, as the possibilities are extremely limited.

The Presidium will now wait to see how the situation develops by 1 December before taking a position vis-à-vis the Festspielhaus on the events that occurred between 25 July and 1 December inclusive. You will, of course, be kept informed.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of the Presidium,



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