

To the Twin Towns of Minden: Apeldoorn, Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf, Gagny, Gladsaxe, Sutton, Tangermünde & Tavernelle Val di Pesa

Minden, April 13th, 2023

## Invitation for singers to the performance of Beethoven's 9<sup>th</sup> Symphony in Minden

Dear Friends in our Twin Towns,

there is a new orchestra in town! The OWL Chamber Philharmonic Orchestra Minden was founded by two professional musicians in spring 2017. They were on a mission to bring together young, dynamic and motivated professional musicians to form a new ensemble which captivates the audience by its joy of playing and its high level of artistic quality.

### Beethoven's 9th Symphony Open Air 2025 in Minden

Under the heading "Prayer for Peace", the OWL Chamber Philharmonic Orchestra Minden (OWL standing for our region of East Westphalia Lippe) is planning 2 performances of **Beethoven's 9<sup>th</sup> symphony** with the well-known concluding chorus to Schiller's "Ode to Joy": "Freude, schöner Götterfunken..." and perhaps another smaller piece. The performances are to take place at the weekend of July 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

After two wonderful performances of Felix Mendelssohn's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in July 2022 in front of the beautiful historical backdrop of the monument to Emperor William 1<sup>st</sup>, numerous requests were voiced to bring about a similar project there or in front of the historical Prussia Museum at Simeon's Square.

### We need singers from our Twin Towns

For this chorus we need a huge choir (60 to 80 people altogether). In keeping with the spirit of unifying peoples and bringing about peace which is the message of this eminent work of musical history we have the vision of incorporating interested and experienced singers from all our Twin Towns into the cast of the production. They would be joined by experienced pupils of Minden's secondary schools and other experienced singers.

### Important information about the project choir:

- we welcome singers of all 4 voice types: soprano, alto, tenor and bass
- text: will be sung in German
- we are asking for singers with choral experience and good musical and vocal abilities
- ideally, the choir part should be learned by heart
- joint rehearsals will be taking place on the evening of Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 (choir, only), and on Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (with orchestra)

We look forward to welcoming singers from your town to this event in Minden.

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**Ute Hannemann**

**Chairwoman**

## About our ensemble

As opposed to the big symphony orchestras of the region the OWL Chamber Philharmonic Orchestra Minden wants to be a chamber orchestra for Minden, flexibly applicable in place and time and captivating by innovative projects and programmes.

Thanks to German ensemble grants and because of a growing number of concerts and musical formats during the last three years, our orchestra has managed to significantly stabilize the quality of its performances. We keep growing artistically.

An important tonal feature is our use of natural wind instruments. These natural wind instruments lend special tone colours to the playing of the orchestra making it more transparent and well-balanced.



Video-example-1:

<https://onedrive.live.com/?authkey=%21AFoeltj8Zrg9TKQ&cid=9BA1D0E0256368D2&id=9BA1D0E0256368D2%21147&parId=9BA1D0E0256368D2%21145&o=OneUp>

Video-example-2:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JjQjdN-JkFw>



A Midsummer Night's Dream of the OWL Chamber Philharmonic Orchestra Minden on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the Monument to Emperor William 1<sup>st</sup>

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