

Dear Reader,

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We at Invent have been very busy organising wonderful events for our clients in the last weeks. I apologize for letting you wait for this latest newsletter quite long.

Here are interesting facts and news you may, or may not know:

What do **Sharon Stone**, the **Scissor Sisters**, **Kelly Osbourne**, and **Nadja Auermann** have in common? They all appeared live at the opening of the Life Ball on May 26 at Vienna's Rathausplatz. The Life Ball is Europe's largest and most spectacular AIDS charity event.

The highlight of the 15th Life Ball was the **lavish fashion show** – this year under the direction of the U.S.-based **designer duo Heatherette**. International top models, actors, and other stars such as Amanda Lepore, New York's most famous party 'girl', show Heatherette's design creations before the splendid backdrop of Vienna's City Hall.

This unique spectacle is free of charge for about 40,000 visitors. Afterwards, the holders of about 4,000 tickets for the Life Ball itself moved into **City Hall with its grand halls and courtyards**. There they were entertained by the live acts of international stars, exciting performances, and culinary surprises.



> **15th Vienna Life Ball: Loud Outfits, Free Fashion Show, and Cool Beats**

Ljubljana Summer Festival director Darko Brlek announced on Thursday culture lovers could look forward to **70 events featuring 3,000 performers from 23 countries** this year. The festival will **kick off on 2 July** with Alexander Borodin's "Prince Igor", a joint project of **opera houses from Ljubljana, Maribor and Kiev**.

While being one of the biggest so far in terms of the number of events, this-year's festival will also mark a shift in concept which will aim at offering a **greater number of world-class events**, Brlek said today, estimating the costs for this year at EUR 2m.

Listing **several music, opera, dance, film and fine arts events**, Brlek highlighted **performances by the opera and ballet house from Lithuania**, the **"Dirty Dancing" musical from London**, two ballet shows by Swiss choreographer Maurice Bejart, a performance by the **Slovenian Philharmonics featuring Eva Johansson** and conductor Krzysztof Penderecki, the Munich Philharmonics, the **Bolshoi Theatre**, and the Israeli Philharmonics conducted by **Zubin Mehta**.



> **Slovenia: Ljubljana Festival Promises Events-Packed Summer**

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Yet another blockbuster film will be shot in the Czech Republic in the coming weeks. This time it is an adaptation of the well known graphic novel "Wanted". One of the stars of the film is the famous American actress **Angelina Jolie** (31), who will be in Prague with her partner actor **Brad Pitt** (43). The glamorous Hollywood couple arrived in Prague for a five-week stay in April with Pitt and Jolie's four children in tow. "Wanted" is based on the graphic novel created by Mark Miller and J.G.Jones. The film's director is Kazakhstan's Timur Bekmambetov, who was praised for his dark epic "Night Watch". Jolie will be joined on screen by Oscar winner Morgan Freeman and James McAvoy. In addition to shooting in Prague, parts of the movie will be filmed at the **Křivoklát Castle in Rakovník**.

The production was brought to the Czech Republic by the Stillking Production Company, with crews expected to stay for twelve weeks. Wanted is due to premiere in March 2008.

The Czech Republic is a sought-after location for foreign film productions.

Currently the second part of the adventure fantasy "The Narnia Chronicles: Prince Caspian" is being shot here.

A small, white and furry creature has recently dwarfed the Reichstag as **Berlin's biggest tourist attraction. Knut, a baby polar bear**, has been wowing crowds at Berlin's zoo since making his first public appearance in March. The zoo's management estimates that over a quarter of a million visitors have come to see him. He is also the subject of several cheesy pop songs, the star of a popular 45-minute DVD, and he has been **photographed by Annie Leibovitz for the cover of the German edition of Vanity Fair**.

But Knut's road to fame has not been easy. The cub was rejected by his mother, a former performing bear from communist East Germany, after he was born in December. He has been hand-reared by Thomas Dörflein, a zoo-keeper (who has become something of a celebrity himself). Some animal-rights activists have called for Knut to be put down, saying he is in danger of becoming emotionally and physically reliant on humans. But Berliners are having none of it, and the adoring crowds are expected to continue as summer heats up. Perhaps as much as can be expected in a city that has a **bear as its symbol**.

> **Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt are filming in Prague**



> **Going Knutty in Berlin**



> **Vienna Danube
Island Festival –
Europe’s largest
free open air
party**

When Vienna’s Danube Island transmutes into **Europe’s largest free open air party** venue you know the summer has well and truly begun! About **2,000 artists and up to three million visitors** are expected to be at this unique outdoor spectacle **from June 22–24, 2007**.

This year’s festival will once again be given over to international pop and rock acts. Highlights will include **Alphaville, Gigi D’Agostino, 4Xang, Gianna Nannini**, and Willi Resetarits. The **6.5 kilometer long island** will host a total of **about 600 hours of live performances**. There will be the western tones of country bands, and a **swinging Karaoke stage** with amateur renditions of golden oldies and the latest chart toppers. **Cabaret and stand-up comedy** will be on offer in a marquee. And there entertainments for the kids throughout the festival, with attractions including supervised play, old-world carousels, tepees and thrilling sport displays.

A whole host of **culinary delicacies** – from juicy steaks to crispy barbecued chicken, and from draft beer to cocktails – will be on offer at hundreds of stalls.

The grand finale of the Danube Festival will ensure that fans of classical music are not disappointed, as the **Vienna Symphony Orchestra** will be giving a rare outdoor performance at a free concert on June 25. The premiere of this classic event in 2006 was a huge success, and attracted 25,000.



I am looking forward to hearing from you with feedback or group requests in the near future.

Kind regards,

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