

Greeting

In 2009, the festival "Cape Classic" celebrates its 5th anniversary. As its long-time patron, I send my heartiest congratulations! I have been accompanying this benefit festival in South Africa from the very beginning and strongly support its mission. Therefore, I would like to express my deep gratitude to Gabi Zahn and all the others who support and sponsor this festival. Due to their commitment, this wonderful event can be continuously staged with great success.

This year, the festival will focus on Baroque music. Renowned artists will perform on historic instruments and thus spread an atmosphere of Central Europe in the 17th and 18th century. This will present a particular highlight and will also help to intensify cultural ties between Bavaria (Germany) and Western Cape (South Africa) even further. In addition, the participating artists will offer master classes for students of the Conservatoire in Stellenbosch.

As always, profits made from ticket sales will be donated for a good cause. For instance, the proceeds help to finance an After-School Care Project and support financially school careers and further studies of children of the township Kayamandi in Stellenbosch. Because of the initiative of Cape Classic hygienic conditions improve at a Soup- Kitchen in Swellendam, which also is supported financially by Cape Classic. I wish this year's festival great success and all the best for "Cape Classic 2009"!

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