

LINZ

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Linz is the third-largest city of Austria and capital of the state of Upper Austria.

It is located in the north center of Austria, approximately 30 kilometres south of the Czech border, on both sides of the River Danube.













Satellite view of the city
printed on linoleum
and covering the
entire foyer space
of the city hall.









Linz-Symphony

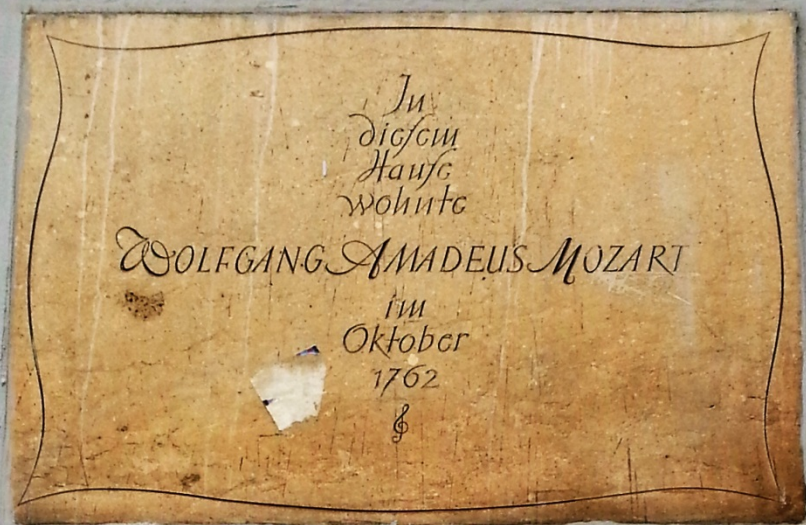
nr 36 in C major by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791), Köchel index 425

When in 1783 Mozart and his wife Constanze were guests of the Count of Thun, he wrote in the very short time of only 3 days this symphony. Thun was to organize a concert (a so-called 'academy') and had asked his famous guest to play something on occasion of this concert.

As Mozart did not have a single note with him and did not want to disappoint his generous host, he composed in this house the symphony, which was first performed in the theatre of Linz on November 4, 1783.

It was the first of Mozart's symphonies to start with 19 slow times, the adagio. This adagio beginning leads to the following allegro spiritoso.

You hear the adagio and the beginning of the allegro spiritoso, performed by the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, conducted by Nikolaus Harnoncourt.











Adolf Hitler referred to Linz as his "home town." He lived at Humboldtstrasse 31 in the heart of Linz when he was 16 years old.

