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*passion
for music
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The World Doctors Orchestra (WDO) was founded in 2008 and combines the pleasure of great music with charity. Two to three times a year, a selection of over 1,200 physicians from about 50 nations exchange their white coats for evening attire and perform a benefit concert for those in need of healthcare.

The proceeds from each concert go to one or two selected non-profit aid organizations — one being an international organization, the other a local charity in the city or country hosting the concert.



The founder and conductor of the WDO is Stefan Willich, professor of medicine and former president of the Berlin Academy of Music Hanns Eisler, Germany. Willich, who studied violin, chamber music, and conducting in Stuttgart, Berlin, Boston/Tanglewood, and Paris, chooses his fellow musicians from among more than 1,200 candidates with outstanding musical credentials.

Although all of the physicians share a passion for music, this is not an end in itself. Indeed, the driving force behind the WDO is the conviction that neither national borders nor political or economic interests should limit access to adequate healthcare. With its series of benefit concerts, the WDO strives to raise global awareness that healthcare is a basic human right and a precondition for human development.

The World Doctors Orchestra made its debut in May 2008 with the first charity concert in the Berlin Philharmonic Hall. After the orchestra's 2009 US premiere in Cleveland, concerts have taken place in Armenia (2010), Taiwan (2010), Washington (2011), Beijing (2011), South Africa (2012), Essen (2012), Vienna (2013), Bonn (2013), Japan (2014), Chile (2014), Dresden

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(2015), Seattle/Vancouver (2015), Barbados (2015), Thailand (2016), Romania (2016), San Francisco (2016), Munich/Salzburg (2017), Lugano/Como (2017) Barcelona/ Girona (2017), Dubai (2018), Warsaw/Cracow (2018) and regularly in Berlin (2009/10/12/13/15/18). In June 2018 the WDO celebrated its jubilee of 10 years existence and 25 concert sessions with phenomenal concerts at the Elbphilharmonie Hamburg and the Berlin Philharmonie.

The next concerts in 2019 will take place in Tel Aviv/Jerusalem (Israel), Paris/Reims (France), Houston (USA) and Lisbon/Porto (Portugal).

The World Doctors Orchestra is a registered non-profit association (District Court Berlin-Charlottenburg, VR 27873 B) independent of any political, religious, or economic affiliations. It has received both local and international sponsorships for every concert to date.

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