

## Duty to provide information on data protection and Privacy Statement

### Privacy Statement

#### General

Thank you for your interest in DEBUT Concerts GmbH ("DEBUT") as well as in the Classical Singing Competition. Your privacy matters to us and we want you to feel comfortable visiting our site. We take the protection of your personal data very seriously. It goes without saying that we abide by the provisions of the relevant data protection legislation such as the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (EU GDPR), the German Data Protection Act (BDSG) and the German Telemedia Act (TMG).

We want you to know which data we collect in which situation and how we use them. We have implemented technical and organizational measures to ensure that we observe the applicable data protection regulations.

#### Personal data

Personal data means any information relating to the personal or material circumstances of an identified or identifiable natural person ("data subject"). This includes details such as your name, address, telephone number and email address. You do not have to provide personal data in order to use our website. However, in certain cases, we need your name, address and other personal details so that we can administer the Classical Singing Competition and arrange for you to take part in it.

The same also applies, for example, if we are sending you information or answering individual questions. In such cases, we will specifically draw your attention to the use of your data. In addition, we will only store and process data which you provide to us voluntarily or automatically.

If you take part in the Classical Singing Competition, we will normally only collect the personal data we need to administer it. If we request further data from you, this information is entirely voluntary. We will process personal data solely in order to administer the competition and to safeguard our own legitimate interests.

This Privacy Statement also applies to any service providers. We will not sell your personal data to third parties.

#### Controller

DEBUT is the operator of this website in accordance with the existing data protection regulations; under the relevant provisions of the EU's GDPR, we are the controller responsible for processing your personal data. You can find the website operator's contact details in our legal notice at <https://www.debut.de/imprint/>.

#### Information on data collection, use, storage and erasure

DEBUT collects data on the basis of the information you provide to us. DEBUT regularly needs data about you in order to administer the Classical Singing Competition. Any personal data collected, for example in connection with emails, or through email addresses entered on the website or in the contact form (e.g. your name and your postal or email address) are provided on a voluntary basis. These

data are processed pursuant to Art. 6(1) b EU GDPR to enable us to administer the Classical Singing Competition as well as your participation in it, including your application and registration or, to the extent permissible and desirable (provided you have given us your consent pursuant to Art. 6(1) a EU GDPR), for our own marketing purposes; we will not disclose personal data about you to anyone else other than for the aforementioned purposes without your express consent. Authorized third parties with whom data are shared might be service providers, sponsors or interested persons for the purpose of your engagement. The provision of personal data by you is not required by law. Their provision is only contractually required if you personally become a participant; however, such data are regularly needed for the administration of the competition itself, so that we can communicate with you in connection with the competition and ensure orderly participation.

We will only store your data for the period and duration of the competition or, irrespective of this, for as long as you require information and / or express an interest in participation in further competitions. Any data which are stored about you (usually your name, address, email address and in the case of participants also your date of birth, sex, resume, training and voice as well as your tax registration number and bank account number where applicable) will be erased as soon as the purpose for which they have been stored no longer applies and provided their erasure does not conflict with any statutory tax, archiving or other obligations. If such legal obligations exist, the data will be erased after the statutory time periods have expired.

DEBUT would like to point out that no data transmission over the Internet (e.g. when communicating by email), and especially unencrypted transmissions, can be guaranteed to be absolutely secure and vulnerabilities can never be ruled out entirely. While we make every effort to protect your data, complete protection against access by third parties is not possible.

### **Information, rectification, erasure, restriction of processing, data portability and withdrawal of consent**

You have the right to request information regarding personal data stored by us about you at any time and at no cost, in particular about the origin and recipients of your data as well as the purpose for which they have been processed. In addition to the right to request information, you also have the right to demand the rectification, erasure, restriction of processing and portability of these data to the extent permitted by law. If you have given us your consent to collect and store data about you, you have the right to withdraw your consent to the storage of such data at any time. The withdrawal of consent does not affect the lawfulness of collection and storage based on consent before its withdrawal. If you have any questions in this respect, please write to the contact address in the website's Legal Notice at <https://www.debut.de/imprint/>.

### **Contact for data protection**

Transparency is of the greatest importance to us. If you have any questions about how we use your data or regarding the DEBUT Privacy Statement, feel free to write an email to [info@debut.de](mailto:info@debut.de). This is also the address to contact for all requests for information, objections, comments, criticisms, suggestions or complaints.

## **Right to lodge a complaint**

Under Art. 77 GDPR, every data subject has the right to lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority if they consider that the processing of personal data relating to him or her is unlawful. The responsible supervisory authority with regard to data protection issues is the state data protection officer for the federal state in which DEBUT is based. For a list of data protection officers and their contact details, follow this link:

[https://www.bfdi.bund.de/DE/Infothek/Anschriften\\_Links/anschriften\\_links-node.html](https://www.bfdi.bund.de/DE/Infothek/Anschriften_Links/anschriften_links-node.html)

## **Additional privacy statement for the website**

### **Data collection and use**

Certain data are automatically collected by our IT systems when you visit the website. These data are primarily technical data (such as your browser, your operating system or the time of page views). These data are collected automatically as soon as you enter our website. We collect the data partly to ensure the proper functioning of the website. Other data may be used to analyze how you use the website.

### **Analytics and third-party tools**

When you visit our website, statistical analyses may be made of your surfing behavior. This happens primarily using cookies and analytics. The analysis of your surfing behavior is usually anonymous, in other words we will not be able to identify you from these data except by using certain analytics tools. You can object to these analyses or prevent them by not using the tools concerned. For more information, please see our Privacy Statement on the individual analytics and plugins. We will inform you in this Privacy Statement about how to exercise your right of objection in this regard.

### **SSL or TLS encryption**

This website uses SSL or TLS encryption for security reasons and to protect the transmission of confidential content, such as any inquiries which you send to us using the contact form. You can recognize an encrypted connection in your browser when the address changes from "http://" to "https://" and a locked padlock is displayed in the address line. If SSL or TLS encryption is enabled, the data you transfer to us cannot be read by third parties.

### **Contact form**

If you register with us as a participant using the contact form, we will store the data entered in the form, including any contact details provided by you for the purpose of registration, to enable us to answer any follow-up questions and so that you can subsequently log in using the login dialog.

Any data which you enter in the respective contact form will only be processed subject to your consent (Art. 6(1) a EU GDPR). You may withdraw your consent at any time. An informal email to this effect is sufficient. The withdrawal of consent does not affect the lawfulness of processing based on consent before its withdrawal.

We will retain the data you provide in the respective contact form until you request their erasure or withdraw your consent to storage, or until the purpose for which they have been stored no longer applies (for example, after the competition is over or after



we have finished processing your inquiry). Any statutory provisions, for example regarding retention periods, shall remain unaffected.

## **Cookies**

We use cookies on our website. Cookies do not harm your computer and they do not contain any viruses. Cookies help make our website more user-friendly, efficient and secure. Cookies are small text files which are placed on your computer and stored in your browser.

Most of the cookies that we use are so-called “session cookies”, which are automatically deleted from your hard drive at the end of the browser session. Other cookies remain stored on your computer until you delete them explicitly; they enable us to recognize your browser the next time you visit the DEBUT website.

You can change your browser settings, so that you are informed about the use of cookies and can decide on a case-by-case basis whether to accept or reject a cookie. Alternatively, your browser can be configured to automatically accept cookies if certain conditions apply or to always reject them, or to automatically delete cookies when you close the application. Note: If you disable cookies, you may not be able to use the full functionality of this website.

Cookies which are necessary to allow electronic communications are stored pursuant to Art. 6(1) f EU GDPR. The website operator has a legitimate interest in the storage of cookies to ensure that the best possible service is provided free of technical errors.

## **Server log files / data collection on our website**

Our website provider automatically collects and stores information that your browser automatically transmits to us in so-called server log files. This information could be, for example, the browser type and version, your operating system, the referrer URL, the host name of the accessing computer and the time of the server request.

These data are not stored in such a way as to be personally identifiable. Your data will not be combined with other data sources. DEBUT reserves the right to check these data at a later time if there are specific grounds for assuming that they have been used illegally. The legal basis for processing is Art. 6(1) f EU GDPR, which permits the processing of data for the purpose of performing a contract or in order to take steps prior to entering into a contract.

## **Google Analytics**

This website uses functionalities of “Google Analytics”, a web analytics service provided by Google Inc., 1600 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View, CA 94043, USA.

Google Analytics uses “cookies”, which are text files placed on your computer, to help the website analyze how users use the site. The information generated by the cookies about your use of the website (including your IP address) will generally be transmitted to and stored by Google on servers in the United States.

For more information on how Google Analytics processes user data, you can review the Google privacy policy by following this link:

<https://support.google.com/analytics/answer/6004245?hl=en>

Google Analytics cookies are stored pursuant to Art. 6(1) f EU GDPR. The website operator has a legitimate interest in analyzing how you use the website, to enable the website to be further improved and optimize advertising.

### **IP anonymization in Google Analytics**

We have activated the “anonymizeIP” option on this website. This means that Google will remove the end of your IP address prior to transmission to the United States, so it only locates you as within the member states of the European Union or other members of the European Economic Area. Only in exceptional cases will the full IP address be transmitted to a Google server in the United States and shortened there. Google will use this information to evaluate how you use the website, compile reports on website activity on behalf of the operator of this website and offer other services relating to website activity and Internet usage to the operator of this website. Google will never associate your IP address as transmitted by Google Analytics from your browser with any other data held by Google.

### **Google Analytics browser plugin**

You may refuse the use of cookies by selecting the appropriate settings in your browser. However, please note that if you do this you may not be able to use the full functionality of the DEBUT website. Furthermore, you can prohibit Google from collecting and analyzing the data generated by cookies about your use of the website (including your IP address) by downloading and installing the browser plugin available here: <https://tools.google.com/dlpage/gaoptout?hl=en>

### **Objection to data collection by Google Analytics**

You can prohibit Google Analytics from collecting data about you by going to <https://tools.google.com/dlpage/gaoptout/eula.html?hl=en> and disabling the add-on by clicking “Accept and Install”. An opt-out cookie is then placed on your computer to prevent any future collection of your data when you visit this website.

### **Order processing with Google Analytics**

DEBUT has signed an agreement with Google to handle order processing, and the strict requirements of the German data protection authorities are fully implemented when using Google Analytics.

### **Google Analytics Demographics**

This website has enabled Google Analytics Demographics and Interest Reporting, which helps us target audiences based on the age, sex and interests of visitors to our sites. These data come from interest based advertising by Google as well as the visitor statistics of third-party providers. They cannot be associated with a specific person. You can disable this feature at any time by adjusting the ads settings in your Google account or prohibit the collection of data about you by Google Analytics as described under “Objection to data collection by Google Analytics”.

### **Social media**

This website does not use any functions of the social media services You Tube, Facebook or Instagram. It merely contains links to social networks.

For more information on the privacy policies of the abovementioned social media sites, see:



<https://policies.google.com/privacy?hl=en&gl=en> (e.g. YouTube)

<https://www.facebook.com/policy.php>

<https://www.youtube.com/static?gl=DE&template=terms&hl=de>

[LINK Datenschutzerklärung Instagram](#)

## **Changes to our Privacy Statement**

We reserve the right to amend our security and data protection measures where necessary owing to technological developments. In this case, we will also adjust our privacy notices accordingly. Please therefore ensure that you are referring to the most current version of our Privacy Statement.

### **Data security**

We have implemented technical and organizational security measures to protect your personal data against loss, destruction, manipulation or unauthorized access. All our employees and all third parties involved in data processing are committed to maintaining confidentiality while handling personal data.

Where personal data are collected and processed on this website, the transmission of these data is encrypted to prevent misuse by third parties. Our security measures are constantly reviewed and adapted to take account of new technological developments.

### **Children and juveniles**

Persons under the age of 18 should not send us any personal data without the consent of a parent or guardian. We do not request personal data from children and juveniles, nor do we collect such information or share it with third parties.

### **Objection to email advertising**

We hereby expressly object to the use of contact information provided on this website for the purpose of communicating any advertising or other information material, including spam emails, not explicitly requested by us. We reserve the right to take legal action against anyone violating this provision.

### **Disclaimer for the content of linked third-party sites**

This Privacy Statement does not extend to the use of any external links which may be included on our websites (e.g. social media or sponsors). If we include links, we make every effort to ensure that they also comply with our data protection and security principles. However, we have no control over the compliance of other website providers with data protection and security provisions. We therefore ask you to refer to the websites of the providers concerned for information on their respective privacy policies.