

## Press Information



## „Art On Snow” and „Snow Jazz“ Gastein Cultural Events in Winter

**Gastein is a valley with a love for art and culture. In winter, too, we host an array of top-caliber events, even outdoors, in the middle of the snow. During the “Art on Snow” festival, artists display their works made of ice and snow, both up in the mountains as well as down in the valley. And at the “Snow Jazz Festival”, jazz musicians not only perform in concert halls, but also open-air – at area ski huts.**

### **Sculptures on the Mountains – the theme in 2018 “The 1958 Ski World Championships”**

Snow, ice, ice axes and shovels are the main ingredients in this, the biggest art festival in the Alps:

“Art on Snow Gastein” takes place from 27 January to 2 February 2018. This winter’s motto is “Journey back in Time, to the 1958 Ski World Championships”, an event which was actually held right here on the Graukogel, Gastein’s most famous local mountain. On the fringes of the pistes, at mountain stations and in Gastein’s valley communities, visitors will be able to marvel at countless works of art. Live, right in front of their eyes, blocks of ice will be transformed by the artists before and during the festival, using chisels and other cutting tools, into exquisite, transparent sculptures of skiers and symbolic representations of the World Championships, their works glistening in the sunshine. Tightly compacted snow is tackled with chainsaws, in order to conjure up amorphous shapes and motifs drawn from the World Championships of the late 1950s. On the Stubnerkogel, even an entire snow chapel will be constructed. And in Angertal, the kids are sure to be awestruck by a snow castle, which they are also welcome to explore.

### **Art in Lightboxes**

Bad Hofgastein and Bad Gastein will be hosting their traditional “Glow in the Dark” photo exhibitions, with photographers presenting their works in lightboxes – creating an effect that is especially beautiful during the evening hours. And as a companion program to the “Art on Snow” festival: Participating hotels will offer special painting and photography workshops. Here, participants will be given complete artistic license, simultaneously picking up invaluable tips from the artists who are leading the workshops. Registration is required, directly through the hotel in question.

### **Dixie, Blues & Cool Jazz at the Ski Huts**

In March, as it gets warmer and you can sit out on the sunny terraces in front of the ski huts, skiing truly is a marvelous experience. In Gastein, we actually add a beautiful “note” to your glorious day of skiing. During the Snow Jazz Festival, musicians and bands won’t just be appearing in the evening at the Sägewerk jazz club in Dorfgastein and at various hotels: Every day, at least one of the combos will perform at a ski hut; if the weather is nice, open-air on the terrace. Incidentally, these ski-hut jam sessions are free to all skiers and hut visitors. You

only have to pay for a ticket at the big concerts in the evening. Snow Jazz Gastein takes place from 9 to 18 March 2018.

**Festival passes are valid for numerous gigs**

The Snow Jazz Gastein Festival Pass for all concerts costs 130 euro. A weekend pass for three concerts is 54 euro, while a ticket for four will cost you 64 euro. Tickets for individual concerts as well as festival passes for multiple concerts are available either online from <http://www.jazz-im-saegewerk.org> or at the door.

For further information, please visit [www.jazzgastein.com](http://www.jazzgastein.com).

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