VILLARS MUSIC

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MUSIC & HUMAN POTENTIAL

5 & 6 DECEMBER 2026

VILLARS PALACE, VILLARS-SUR-OLLON

TALKS · OPEN MASTERCLASSES · ENCOUNTERS · CONCERT
& A SURPRISE



TWO INSPIRING DAYS

Explore the science and the tools that help us go beyond our limits and reach our full potential, in every art and discipline. A journey along the path to excellence with living legends of music, great international soloists and the young soloists of the Villars Music Soloists Lab.

AN EXCEPTIONAL CONCERT

Saturday 5 December · 19:30 · Villars Palace Theatre

THE GREAT SOLOISTS OF TOMORROW

The soloists of the Soloists Lab, all finalists of major international competitions

THE GREAT SOLOISTS OF TODAY

Brahms, Piano Quartet No. 1
Ava Bahari · Nils Mönkemeyer · Wolfgang Emanuel Schmidt · Sebastian Knauer



Shlomo Mintz
Violin



Jasper Parrott
HarrisonParrott



Nils Mönkemeyer
Viola



Wolfgang E. Schmidt
Cello



Ava Bahari
Violin



Sebastian Knauer
Piano



Dr Ilias Kanellos
Cardiologist

TICKETS FROM CHF 40 · EARLY BIRD UNTIL 22 NOVEMBER

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PROGRAMME

SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER

13:00–13:15 · SEXTET

Brahms, String Sextet No. 1, 1st mvt.
Nils Mönkemeyer and the young soloists of the Soloists Lab

13:15–14:15
Nils Mönkemeyer Masterclass · *Viola*

14:15–14:30 · SEXTET

Tchaikovsky, Souvenir de Florence, 2nd mvt.
Wolfgang Emanuel Schmidt and the young soloists of the Soloists Lab

14:30–15:30
The Link Between Music and Epigenetic Neuroplasticity: How Music Shapes the Brain
Dr Ilias Kanellos, followed by Q&A · Opening: Scarlett Marteau, violin, Star of the Villars Music Junior Academy 2026

15:45–16:45
Shlomo Mintz Masterclass · *Violin*

16:45–17:15 · Break · Villars Palace bar open

17:15–18:00
Shlomo Mintz in conversation with Manuela Salvi
Followed by Q&A

19:30

Concert

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SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER

09:00–09:30
Body in Motion
Panagiotis Koukis · Take part or simply watch

09:30–09:45 · Break

09:45–10:50
Wolfgang E. Schmidt Masterclass · *Cello*

11:00–11:50
What Makes a Career, and a Life in Music?
Ava Bahari, Wolfgang Emanuel Schmidt and Jasper Parrott in conversation with Manuela Salvi, followed by Q&A

12:00–12:45
Music: The Best Note to Heal Through Longevity
Dr Ilias Kanellos, followed by Q&A

12:45–13:00 · SEXTET

Strauss, Capriccio Sextet
Ava Bahari and the young soloists of the Soloists Lab

TICKETS

	Early bird*	Full price
Concert · Saturday 19:30	CHF 40	CHF 45
Saturday afternoon	CHF 60	CHF 70
Saturday afternoon + concert	CHF 90	CHF 100
Sunday morning	CHF 40	CHF 50
Full weekend	CHF 120	CHF 140

* Until 22 November 2026
Hotel: 25% off at the Villars Palace, details on villarsmusic.org

ARTISTS & SPEAKERS

- **Shlomo Mintz** · Violin
- **Nils Mönkemeyer** · Viola
- **Wolfgang Emanuel Schmidt** · Cello
- **Ava Bahari** · Violin, ECHO Rising Star 2026/27
- **Sebastian Knauer** · Piano
- **The young soloists** of the Soloists Lab
- **Dr Ilias Kanellos** · Cardiologist and longevity expert, Villars Longevity Clinic
- **Panagiotis Koukis** · Sport scientist, Villars Longevity Clinic
- **Jasper Parrott** · Co-founder of HarrisonParrott
- **Manuela Salvi** · Cultural journalist, formerly RTS

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