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Encountering art in Vienna is like trying to find sand at the beach -- there is no scarcity of it.



Unfortunately, most people view art experiences beyond a museum visit as quite intimidating, and far from exhilarating. But on a recent trip to Vienna at Christmastime, I found myself thoroughly enraptured by some classical performance art in Vienna.

Vienna is an exquisitely chic city, long-regarded as the music capital of Europe, and rightly so. Its plethora of opera houses, concert halls, and music academies would let even the most ignorant of travelers know that a powerful empire does indeed still exist on the banks of the Danube: and the empress herself is Music. There is no shortage of performances, so one just needs to decide what, when, where, and how much. Here's where I hit a snag -- how can I really choose just a few of these precious gems?

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