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Vienna Musikverein:

## Sound that speaks for itself

Speech amplification with a sound concept by checkpointmedia AG

checkpointmedia upgrades the second-biggest auditorium in the Vienna Musikverein with a high-quality sound system for the spoken word - perfect acoustics, especially for presenting concert cycles for children and young people, and for readings. State-of-the-art audio technology in one of the most celebrated concert halls of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

*Vienna.* checkpointmedia Multimediaproduktionen AG has upgraded the Brahms Hall in the Musikverein in Vienna with state-of-the-art audio technology. With this new equipment, checkpointmedia meets the wishes expressed to the Musikverein by artists wishing to comment on their musical performance or combine it with narration or texts. The new equipment for the spoken word is used particularly for *Allegretto* and *Capriccio*, the concert cycles for children and young people, as well as for readings and the announcement of changes made to the programme at short notice. As Dr. Angyan, director of the Musikverein explains: "The musical performance is not affected because the Brahms Hall's perfect acoustics do not need any amplification."

Thanks to a flexible infrastructure the equipment can be installed in various locations in the 600-seater hall that was built in 1870 with architecture reminiscent of Greek antiquity.

To ensure a perfect sound, the 32.5 metre long, 10.3 metre wide and 11 metre high room was meticulously measured and fitted with a loudspeaker management controller. In addition, connectible digital mixing desks aid the creative workshops for children and young people, helping them to produce contemporary tonal images.

### checkpointmedia Multimediaproduktionen AG

The Viennese company checkpointmedia AG was founded in 2001 and specialises in the creation of multimedia for particularly challenging audio and video projects. One example is the "virtual conductor" at the Haus der Musik in Vienna, an installation enabling visitors to find out what it is like to conduct the Vienna Philharmonic. The design of the multimedia installations for the Mozarthaus in Vienna and the visitors' centre in Vienna's parliament building were similarly challenging. For both these projects, checkpointmedia was awarded the Austrian State Award for Multimedia. The company won the German Multimedia Award for the interactive Mayday Bar in "Red Bull Hangar 7" at Salzburg Airport.

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