# General information about the Ray Conniff Fan Club Convention 2011 in Vienna

### Transportation from the airport to the city centre:

Vienna airport is about 14 miles (ca. 20 km) away from the city centre. There is a City-Airport-Train ("CAT", <u>http://www.cityairporttrain.com/default.aspx?lang=en-US</u>) every half hour that takes you to the city centre within 15 minutes. A return ticket is  $\in$  16.00 per person. You can either purchase tickets at a counter near the luggage carousels or from vending machines at the station. The stop where you have to get off is "Wien-Mitte". From there all of us who are accommodated at the "Hotel am Konzerthaus" will have to walk about 1 km:



This walk takes about 14 minutes, according to Google Maps; but taking a taxi would not save much time because of the traffic, and would probably put a normally friendly taxidriver in a bad mood because of the short distance. If you get lost, ask the way to the "Interconti"-Hotel. The "Hotel am Konzerthaus" is about 200 metres behind it.

Another possibility to get to your hotel from the airport is to order a private taxi. "VIP Taxi" (<u>www.viptaxi.co.at</u>) charges € 25.00 per trip. Visa and MasterCard will be accepted. Just make your reservation by sending an e-mail to <u>office@viptaxi.co.at</u>, stating flight number, time of arrival, number of persons and amount of luggage, as well as the address of your destination; or give them a call: Their telephone number is +4312120123 from your country (or 012120123 from Austria). They have proven very reliable and trustworthy.

### Accommodation:

Most of us are accommodated at the HOTEL AM KONZERTHAUS, Am Heumarkt 35-37, 1030 VIENNA (<u>http://www.mgallery.com/gb/hotel-1276-hotel-am-konzerthaus/index.shtml</u>), some people will stay at the IBIS HOTEL, Mariahilfer Gürtel 22-24, 1060 VIENNA (<u>http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-0796-ibis-wien-mariahilf/index.shtml</u>). On **Friday, September 16**, our bi-annual get-together starts <u>from 5 pm (1700 hours)</u>, somewhere on the ground floor, in the lobby or in the bar of the Hotel am Konzerthaus.

There you will be greeted with a handshake or a hug, will get your nametag and the first souvenir item as a reward for the fact you made it.

There, we will also collect  $\in$  20 per person, the amount needed for reservations, give-aways, guides, tips etc.

Dinner will take place at the "Zwölf-Apostelkeller". (<u>http://www.zwoelf-apostelkeller.at/index-en.htm</u>). We will walk there (to Sonnenfelsgasse 3). The distance is about 1 mile (1,6 km). We'll leave for the restaurant at 7 pm.



In the "Zwölf-Apostelkeller", "Stüberl 12A" (room No. 12A) is reserved for us from 8 pm. You order your meals and drinks (and pay them) individually.

# Saturday, September 17, 2011:

After breakfast (not before 10 am) we'll take a walk to the Hofburg. From 11 am there will be a concert by the Hoch- und Deutschmeister band. At 12 o'clock we will be met by a guide who will take us along historic Vienna on foot. Afterwards, you may explore more of Vienna on your own or in groups. There is plenty to see and do - and eat! (You may treat yourself to a piece of the famous Sacher cake. Or perhaps the museums are more to your taste. E.g., the Museumsquartier is well worth a visit.)

We will meet for dinner in a Viennese restaurant, which serves great local dishes. The restaurant is conveniently located near the hotel where most of us are accommodated. The name of the restaurant is "Gmoa Keller"

(<u>http://www.gmoakeller.at/gmoa/Das\_Wiener\_Wirtshaus\_1030\_Wien\_Am\_Heumarkt\_25.html</u>). Dinner will start at 8 pm.

# Sunday, September 18, 2011:

The biannually held Ray Conniff Fan Club Conventions normally end after Sunday brunch, but if you have the opportunity to stay a little longer, you may want to join us for an excursion to Schloss Schönbrunn. Also, a trip to Grinzing is planned for the evening, but this depends on the weather. Maybe you prefer a sightseeing tour in a Fiaker coach or a visit to the Prater to enjoy the sight from the big wheel? Please feel free to make your choices for the day. In the evening, a final get-together is planned.

### Mobile phones:

During the last Ray Conniff Fan Club Conventions it turned out to be useful to have a list of mobile phone numbers, just in case you get lost or cannot make an appointment. If you want your mobile phone number added to the list, please send it in an e-mail to Manfred by Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

(Manfred's mobile phone number is +49-163-6275487.)

Have a safe and pleasant journey!

Best wishes to you all,

Manfred & Otto