



**Newsletter from the Association for the Promotion of International Relations Neu-Anspach e.V. and the friends from the partner communities**

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**Dear members and friends of the Association for the Promotion of International Relations Neu-Anspach e.V.!**

This time, our newsletter is dedicated to a famous son of the town of Šentjur. If you have already been to Šentjur, you will certainly know the birthplace of the Ipavec family of musicians and doctors, which was renovated in 2018. Right next to it is an event room and a small garden where cultural events take place in the summer.



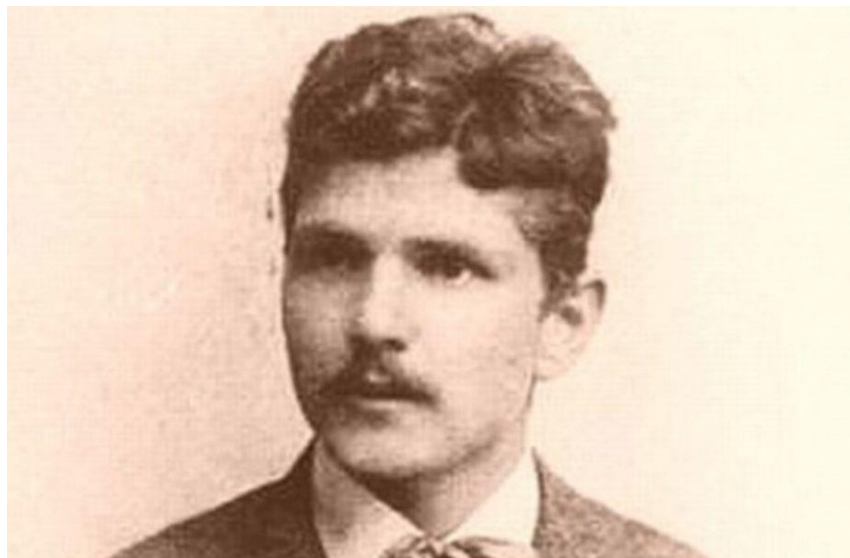
This year, this place is getting more attention not only in Šentjur. Alenka Testanière, tourism officer and education advisor, whom many of our readers surely know from our twintown meetings, explains why:

## Josip Ipavec honoured with musical notes in Šentjur

This year marks 100 years since the death of Josip Ipavec, sometimes called the Slovenian Mozart.

He was born on December 21<sup>st</sup> 1873 in Šentjur as the seventh of ten children of Gustav and Karolina Ipavec. Like his father, Josip also chose both a medical and a musical career. Already at the age of four he played the piano with his father, later he was taught by his brother Alojz. In 1883 his father sent him to the Benedictine monastery St. Lambert in Upper Styria, where he sang in a boys' choir and wrote music for some duets for violin. He finished the third and fourth grade of the grammar school with the Benedictines in St. Paul in Carinthia. At that time he composed a waltz for piano and violin. On the day of the big mass ceremony, the organist suddenly fell ill, so 14-year-old Josip Ipavec came to the rescue and accompanied the orchestra and singers on the organ.

In 1904 he completed his medical studies in Graz. He was an eye specialist. In 1904 and 1905 he worked at the military hospital in Vienna. In his spare time he studied instrumentation with the choirmaster of the Volksoper Theater, Alexander Zemlinski.



Josip Ipavec

His most famous work is the pantomime Možiček ("Der Hampelmann"), which was the first Slovenian ballet and was performed several times throughout Europe.

Josip Ipavec also left a large opus of art songs. He wanted to make a name for himself in the German market with them, so the original texts are written in German.



Und den besonders Musikinteressierten sei dieser deutschsprachige Artikel zu Josip Ipavec empfohlen, in dem auch die Verbindung zwischen dem Komponisten und den Texten von Heinrich Heine näher erklärt wird:

[http://www.skica.at/Artikel/Musikbox\\_deu\\_Das\\_Josip-Ipavec-Jahr](http://www.skica.at/Artikel/Musikbox_deu_Das_Josip-Ipavec-Jahr)



**If you would like to learn more about the composer family's birthplace, which is now a museum, you can find more information in German here:**

<https://www.turizem-sentjur.com/de/Kulturelle-Sehenswrdigkeiten/Geburtshaus-der-Komponistenfamilie-Ipavec/>

**An information flyer with detailed texts in English is available here:**

[https://www.turizem-sentjur.com/f/docs/Cultural-Heritage/IPAVCI-2020\\_ENG.pdf](https://www.turizem-sentjur.com/f/docs/Cultural-Heritage/IPAVCI-2020_ENG.pdf)



**A special link between sports and music:**

Recently the Tour of Slovenia cycling race passed through Šentjur, where the composer was honoured with musical notes in the Šentjur Sports Park. The winner of Tour of Slovenia was Tadej Pogačar who also won Tour de France 2020.

## OBITUARY



## KLAUS MAINZ

### **The Association mourns the loss of its long-time First Chairman and Honorary Chairman Klaus Mainz**

Klaus Mainz passed away after a long illness on 3 July 2021. The past months were marked by his illness, which he defied with an iron will and energy for 18 years and did not let it limit him.

With a lot of heart and soul, professionalism and international experience, he was involved in a wide variety of projects and honorary offices. In 1992, soon after moving to Neu-Anspach, he joined the Verein zur Förderung Internationaler Beziehungen Neu-Anspach e.V. (Association for the Promotion of International Relations Neu-Anspach). As an associate member, treasurer and from 1997 to 2009 as chairman and then honorary chairman, he shaped the association for many years and broke new ground with the association.

In addition to the many activities with which he kept the "jumelage" with Saint-Florent alive, he was responsible for turning the two-way partnership into a successful three-way relationship, and the Slovenian community of Sentjur to become an enrichment of the circle of town twinning since 2006. It is also thanks to his fun and enjoyment of French "savoir vivre" that Neu-Anspach received a proper boules court in 2007, where both the annual boules tournament and the weekly games of the amateurs can take place. To list his achievements would take a long time and to keep Klaus Mainz in honourable memory is not enough for us.

We will carry on the passion of our long-time chairman for the idea of town twinning and the promotion of international relations. With his commitment, his winning manner and his mischievous humour, he will continue to be a role model for us.

We mourn the loss of a loving person and our thoughts and sympathies are with his family - for their loss is even greater than ours.

*"He who lives in the memory of his loved ones is not dead. He is only distant. Dead is only he who is forgotten" (Immanuel Kant).*



## Outlook 2021

Fortunately, the Corona situation allows events on a larger scale again. We are therefore pleased to be able to maintain our already tentatively announced schedule. Here again everything at a glance:

**On Saturday, 28 August from 2 p.m., our traditional boules tournament will take place on the boules court at the Festplatz!**

Thanks to our sponsors **Bellini - Casa dei Sapori, Fashion Shoes Weidner, P.P.'s Lädchen, Süsse Ecke und Susis Stöberstube** the winners can look forward to a nice selection of prizes.

Many thanks, dear sponsors, for your kind support!

For refreshment, we will have drinks ready and will again be roasting "sausages in an assistant (rolls)" on the barbecue. To ensure that we buy enough supplies, an informal registration by e-mail to the committee ([vorstand@vzfib-neu-anspach.de](mailto:vorstand@vzfib-neu-anspach.de)) would help us with the planning.



Of course, we have developed a hygiene concept. The details can be found on our website [www.vzfib-neu-anspach.de](http://www.vzfib-neu-anspach.de). Please remember your mouth and nose protection! And instead of an admission fee, the association's piggy bank is looking forward to a donation.

We are planning our **annual general meeting** for **Thursday, 2 September 2021**. Please make a note of this date. Invitations with all details will be sent by email or letter in due course.

**On 2 October, the Europe Day of the Hochtaunuskreis** will be held in Oberursel. We would like to be represented there again with a stand. **Helpers wanted!**

On behalf of the committee and the editors



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