

The best computer animations of the year, Brain for Everybody and Stravinsky's Firebird:

Ars Electronica Home Delivery enters its second week

(Linz, May 7, 2020) "Ars Electronica Home Delivery" stands for an inspiring LIVE program that will enter its second week next Tuesday, May 12, delivering all sorts of fascinating things between art, technology and society directly to the living room, kitchen, children's room, balcony or terrace. Gerfried Stocker, Artistic Director of Ars Electronica, and Jürgen Hagler, Co-Curator of the Ars Electronica Animation Festival, will provide initial insights into the computer animations submitted to the 2020 Prix Ars Electronica. Neuroscientist Dr. Manuela Macedonia will explain why regular exercise has a positive effect on the brain. Music enthusiasts can look forward to another live concert with Maki Namekawa and Dennis Russell Davies, who will be performing Igor Stravinsky's Firebird this time. Ars Electronica Home Delivery's audience is again cordially invited to ask questions and join in the conversation via Skype or YouTube chat.

The highlights of the second week:

Deep Space Family LIVE

TUE May 12, 2020 / 12:30 noon

Wall and floor projections in 16 by 9 meter format, laser tracking and high-resolution images make Deep Space 8K a unique experience. Deep Space Family LIVE invites young and old on a colourful journey and shows what is possible in this projection room: from a visit to the space station ISS on its orbit around the Earth, to painting by means of your own movements in space, to discovering various children's games on the gigapixel photo of a painting by Pieter Bruegel.

Ars Electronica Mix: Prix Ars Electronica 2020 - Preview Computer Animation WED May 13, 2020 / 4:40 PM

The Prix Ars Electronica is the world's most time-honored media art competition. Every year, thousands of projects are submitted by artists and scientists from dozens of different countries. The "Computer Animation" category has been part of the Prix Ars Electronica from the very beginning and annually honors outstanding achievements in independent works of art and science as well as in commercial high-end productions in the film, advertising and entertainment industries. At Ars Electronica Home Delivery, Gerfried Stocker, Ars Electronica Artistic Director, and Jürgen Hagler, Ars Electronica Animation Festival Co-Curator, will report on the trends that are emerging in the computer animations submitted for the 2020 Prix Ars Electronica. In addition, the competition's jurors will be on hand to provide insights into this year's jury process.

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Lecture: Brain for All - Move it, and your brain says thank you!

THU May 14, 2020 / 7 PM

Why are sporty children often better at school? Why do sporty people often have the better memory? Thinking, feeling, remembering and learning are centrally controlled in the brain, yet many people pay much less attention to the brain than to their body. Neuroscientist Dr.in Manuela Macedonia tells us about the positive effects regular exercise has on the brain and explains how stress symptoms, overweight, depression and dementia can be prevented. After the lecture, questions from online viewers will be answered.

Concert LIVE: Maki Namekawa and Dennis Russell Davies

FRI May 15, 2020 / 7 PM

Piano music at its finest awaits classical music lovers on Friday when Dennis Russell Davies and Maki Namekawa once again take their seats on the Bösendorfer 290 Imperial CEUS computer piano in the Ars Electronica Center's "Piano Room". After Maurice Ravel and Philip Glass, Igor Stravinsky's Firebird, in the four-handed arrangement by Dennis Russell Davies, is on the agenda this time. The two will again be accompanied by Cori O'Lan's visualizations that interact with the music. After the concert, the audience will have the opportunity to talk to the artists or ask questions in a moderated talk.

About Ars Electronica Home Delivery

"Ars Electronica Home Delivery" is a weekly program that includes guided tours of Ars Electronica exhibitions, excursions to Ars Electronica Labs, visits to the Machine Learning Studio, concerts with real-time visualizations, deep space LIVE sessions, workshops with engineers and talks with artists and scientists from around the world. None of this is recorded, most of it is interactive and all of it is LIVE. Ars Electronica Home Delivery aims to make the artistic and scientific debate about the future accessible to the broadest possible audience.

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