

CLASSICAL DESTINATIONS

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THE TV SERIES HOSTED AND NARRATED BY SIMON CALLOW



I love the series. Such beautiful places. Please, release a DVD.

Congratulations on this show, can I get a copy?

Simon Callow is most impressive.

Love this show. Would like to see it repeated some time during the week.

What a wonderful mix of history, music and imagery! Thank God for SBS. Please keep buying innovative and informative programs from home and abroad, you are the quintessential broadcaster when there is no voice (other than Radio National!) Thanks SBS.

Absolutely enjoying each show, a 'must see', will not answer the phone or cook dinner until after the programme.... food for the mind, body and especially the soul...

Where can I buy a copy (of the series)?

This is the most beautifully filmed TV show about travel (and music) I have ever seen (... and I watch them all!). The music just adds another dimension to the beauty of the locations! Unfortunately, I missed a few - will it be replayed soon? My Mum doesn't have a DVD player and would like to see it too (as I talk about it!).

I love this show. It's got everything, fabulous scenery, fabulous presenters and I'm learning and being entertained at the same time.

I just love this show

Will this whole series be repeated soon?

I would like to say how much I thoroughly enjoy your show. I've told so many people about it, and I never miss it. I've learnt so much, and just love seeing those beautiful places. I just wish I could go and visit them all! Thank you all so much for such a fantastic show, and the opportunity to see these places, if only on TV.

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(3 x) Is it available on video or DVD?

It was a wonderful series. I love watching SBS programs.
You have a lot of good shows.

Love this program, but missed Sunday's episode of Vivaldi (Venice).

Is there any chance of purchasing a downloaded version of just this episode? We're aware the DVD will be coming out shortly, but we can't wait.

The violin player is the highlight!

A fabulous show, too good to waste on a Sunday afternoon time slot!

Your program is delectable, almost edible, most enticing, want to go.

How many episodes?

What a wonderful concept and series.
A music, history, geography and sociology lesson all rolled up into one!

When will it be repeated?

This program is beautiful.

The program is awesome and I cannot wait to get the DVD
to watch it all over again.

I am revelling in your most wonderful programs, what a lovely, enjoyable opportunity you
give to all of us who watch. Something precious
in this day and age. Can't get enough of these destinations.

Can't wait to purchase the DVDs and read the Fact Sheets. Thankyou.

This program was absolutely brilliant. It was an oasis of beauty and sanity in this ugly and
chaotic world of ours. Truly a program sent down from heaven.
Thank you SBS for bringing us this masterpiece.

I have been watching each show and have absolutely enjoyed the music, scenery and history
of the composers. Thank you for such a rich and beautiful production.

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I'd like to commend you on your program Classical Destinations. It is a good mix of history, music and travel. I'm particularly impressed with Niki Vasilakis. What a breath of fresh air to see such a talented, delightful young lady presenting a program on classical music. She is the complete package.

Can I please buy this?

I loved your program on Venice and
I will definitely be purchasing the DVD set.

We are thoroughly enjoying your program as we have
just returned from a River Cruise through Europe.

An excellent program that we have recommended to our family and friends.

Love the way the music and scenery interact. Favourites so far:
Norway and Venice. Do not have a history of enjoying classical music
but this has inspired me to know more.

Congratulations on the best TV show this year! Even though it's only February it's pretty unlikely any other show will surpass Classical Destinations. Yours is the only show I record every week. I have loved the journeys through Europe seen from the perspective of classical composers and music (all my favourite things combined in one show - how good!). I love seeing familiar cities again and the ones that aren't familiar I am adding to my list of where to go next. Thanks again for a marvellous show! Tijana

Very professional show with a good balance between
the sights of Europe and the musical themes.

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history, geography and sociology lesson all rolled up into one!

Is it available to buy? (X 2)

It is an amazing series



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This is the program I most eagerly await each Sunday night. It is simply fabulous - and wets my appetite for more. I do hope to go on a tour this year.

Is it available on DVD? (X 2)

Last night's was a great program. Please show it again soon.

Will this be made available on DVD? It is just beautiful.

Where can I get a copy of this wonderful series?

How many episodes in this series and when will it become available?

Can I tell you how much I enjoyed the shows lately?
Sophie's World and Classical Destinations are just brilliant programs.

Refreshing mix of travel, music, history and art

Why is part three about the songs of Norway?

Is this series available to purchase?

Is it for sale? (X 4)

After St Petersburg last night, where can I get a copy of this program?

We thoroughly enjoyed seeing Norway in a Nutshell which we have already done and still have superb memories. May consider doing it again.

The Presenters are knowledgeable, but friendly and amusing

I just adored the programme on St. Petersburg - it was so absorbing and beautiful. Pity you didn't have time to do a little on the Hermitage.

I have never been to St. P., but your programme was the next best thing to being there.

Loved tonight's program-first time my husband and I have seen it, but will make sure we don't miss the remaining ones.

As a musician and with a deep interest in musicology I find your programmes of deep and lasting interest.

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Tonight you took me to Prague. The musicians' lives are interesting, but with the added visual tours of Bohemia, the whole experience is wonderful. I usually work on Sunday nights. Tonight I did not have to, and I'm hoping more free Sunday nights will come my way to travel again to the beautiful sights and history of Europe. Congratulations.

Your show really does make one so enthusiastic about visiting Classical Destinations.

This is a wonderful way to bring history to life, but an hour each week would be even better.

I am a great fan of classical music and this program can make me learn more about the cities and classical music of Europe.

The beautiful scenery in this programme makes my heart cry. It is wonderful.

This is such an excellent series. Where can I get a copy? (2)

I have really enjoyed the music, the photography, the way the programme has been put together.

Just adore the series, have purchased the DVD – many congratulations on a superb production!

Love the series. Combination of music and travel information. The shows inspire me to travel and visit those places. Truly first class show!

Congratulations on an excellent theme for a series of shows. I particularly enjoyed the Prague episode, as this city is one of my favourites.

I think everything about the show including the presenter's and the destinations that are shown are fabulous.



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We absolutely love your show and it was fantastic to see the areas on our large screen - just like we were there during our last holiday in Norway. We want to go again.

I enjoy every second! Wonderful, wonderful production!

Brilliant idea for a TV show! It is my European Holiday on television!

Heavenly places, heavenly music.
I'm 83, 'will the angels way up yonder play their harps for me.....'

A wonderful musical and travel series. A breath of fresh air!!
Interesting and informative presenters.

We watch a lot of your programs but particularly like Global Village and Classic Destinations. The title music to Classic Destinations fascinates me and I would love a copy, can you tell us the name of it please?
It's played on a violin or viola.

My husband and I have just loved the program; it's concept and the information about the people, places and the stunningly beautiful scenery. We are thoroughly enjoying it all and our greatest wish would be to win this competition.

This show combines two of my favourite things –
travel and classical music - wonderful idea.

Love the music, the scenery and the stories about the composers,
would love the trip too!

You have a wonderful show. At (almost) 44, I am ready to test the classical waters, and your show is starting that process. Thank you very much. Sometimes, ABC Classic FM is just too far ahead! You are putting context to the great composers and places in Europe. Just wonderful!

I have watched several episodes and just love the combination of place, music,
and history.

It's just not fair! The best and warmest half hour on Australian television
and it's about to finish. You have just GOT to do another series.
How many times can I watch a single DVD? Yes, it's just not fair!

Fabulous show - enjoyed the juxtaposition of music,
art and architecture immensely.

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Stunning landscape, interesting information...enjoyable overall.

It was fascinating hearing about the lives of these composers (as a musician I realised how little I knew about their lives beside their musical works).

Seeing where they once lived, the beautiful scenery and architecture inspired my interest in the history of music.

Fantastic program, love the vision and the music.

I couldn't describe the feeling when I see this programme. Thanks very much SBS. Of course, I bought the book, which has excellent contents. I'll never miss 'classic destinations' on Sunday evening.

Beautiful music combined with beautiful vision, what more could you want on Sunday evening. Informative and entertaining in a way that is smooth and mellow like a fine wine.

The series is wonderful. I missed the beginning episodes, which is a shame.

I'm just a country lad who knows little of classical music. Classical Destinations has been a terrific introduction to this world. Simon Callow's presentation is splendid. What a terrific host. Thankyou SBS.

I've only just discovered the timeslot. Daylight saving is such a pain for Queenslanders, out of step with SBS program times. Is there a chance of a Series re-run?

This is without a doubt the most beautifully packaged programme I have ever had the pleasure of viewing! The combination of travel and music with erudite and non-intrusive presenters is an absolute joy. Thank you!

Astoundingly informative! I have learnt more about the musicians and their surrounds in the first few weeks of the series than in all my previous studies. Well done.



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Great program on Sunday - I love Vienna!

Love the show.

We have been to Oslo but as of yet we have not been to St. Petersburg and the other parts of Northern Europe. Your show has made us want to go there.

Beautiful, soulfilling, colourful and inspirational. I saw the Vienna program by chance! I was lucky to visit this city for 3 days during a winter stopover and because of Classical Destinations I want to make it a summer destination before I die! (Sorry about the morbidity, but I turn 50 in a couple of days, so my mortality is currently a dark spectre!) I look forward to the rest of the series, and Simon Callow is very cuddly and easy on the ear.

We think your show is simply stunning and wouldn't miss it. The scenery and historical content is spot on. Congratulations on some quality television.

Having visited some of these countries and cities it brings back wonderful memories. A wonderful production.

My wife and I find the 'Classical Destinations' series the most enjoyable travel show we have ever seen. The photography and musical information invaluable- please make another series!

Beautifully done series. Factual/visually splendid/musical background leaving us panting for more/presenters casting perfection.

Looooooooooooooooove Simon Callows resonant tones.

Good evening, my mum and I absolutely love the series. I will be in Europe during June July and want to enquire the price of the Mozart tour.

Rest assured I have advertised this fantastic programme far and wide --- many congratulations to you all-- the world needs more programmes of this kind, well done.

Wonderful music, stunning scenery and learning about composers, makes a fantastic program, wouldn't miss it.

Love the show, and it has opened our kids' eyes to the beauty and history of Europe!

A captivating guide through the musical history of Europe!

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Congratulations on such an informative and interesting program. I am a lover of classical music and travel and I have thoroughly enjoyed your program so far. It's wonderful to see the beautiful locations and learn about the composers' lives. Thank you for sharing this with us and I look forward to seeing some of the locations in person in the future.

For the first time ever I have enjoyed a classical music program from start to finish.
Well done on the high standard of presenting, producing and choice...
you have a classical music convert in me.

Many thanks to all those associated with this brilliant, classical presentation that will give us many years of exhilarating viewing.

This wonderful series combining classical music and the delights of European scenery has been an exhilarating weekly armchair journey with SBS. Congratulations and many thanks to those creative artists who made this possible and we look forward to the many joyful hours of visual and listening pleasure from our new DVD.

After spending time visiting Salzburg and Vienna last year and indulging my Mozart fantasies I just adore Classical Destinations and never miss an episode. Thank you so much for a wonderful program, which brings back such wonderful memories.

I have absolutely loved the series. It has been thrilling to see these places I visited and to also see all the other places during the shows. It has shown me that there are many other beautiful places in Europe to visit. It has also been fascinating to hear all about the composers who were born or worked in the towns. It has been wonderful to watch each week.

Where can I buy the merchandise from? (2)

What a wonderful series! (5)

I want to congratulate the team at SBS for giving us one of the most charming, beautiful programs in quite a while, could you please repeat this program sometime later in the year.

I have thoroughly enjoyed Classical Destinations.



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The scenery and music are wonderful. I did not realise the program was on and missed the first few episodes so would appreciate you repeating them again, and would love another series.

What a beautiful program, please repeat it. We have been transported both musically and scenically with intelligence. What would we do without SBS!

Classical Destinations definitely deserves a repeat. What a splendid program and it is perfectly scheduled on Sunday at 6pm.

Thank you for this wonderful series. (4)

Is there any way of having the series repeated later in the year as I recommended it to my friends?

They will be watching the last few episodes no doubt.

This is a wonderful show. I look forward to it each week. The music is great. The lives of the composers are very interesting. The scenery is absolutely beautiful. Please show it again, even though I have bought the DVD's.

SBS is a great channel. Keep up the good work.

Congratulations on such a simply fabulous series! I only wish the time was one hour as the half hour is over all too quickly.

I do hope you will repeat this series again soon. It is a knockout!

Congratulations on a wonderful program being shown on Sunday night at

6pm. This is a fantastic series and I watch every week. I love the scenery and settings of the lovely cities in Europe. The program co-ordinator has detailed some delightful stories of the great composers, and the glorious classical and operatic music is superb.

Keep up the good work and continue please do.

I have only recently started watching Classic Destinations on Sunday nights and have noticed that next week it will be episode twelve. I would like to purchase the series on DVD. Could you please advise me how?

Most enjoyable series SBS. Have purchased the DVD now.

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Fantastic show, couldn't think of a better host to take us to those wonderful countries!

Music, travel, education...an excellent show.

Great series. The scenery is superb, the insight into history very interesting and the music (esp the violin) is wonderful. Will buy the DVD!!

We have bought the DVD, and it is a great pleasure both sight and sound.

I loved the show and would love to organise a group tour for our school's senior music students.

Brilliantly edited show. Full of information, beautiful music, visually stunning, love the voice of Simon Callow and commentary by the other two.

Beautifully produced show best I've ever watched/editing superb /full of facts/music /history /fast moving and riveting. Peter spot on directing of photography /sites blend in perfectly with music and factual presentation. Wendy knew there had to be a woman in there somewhere visuals are so real I almost feel I'm there.
Congratulations all of you and to SBS for buying the show.

Great show - well presented spectacular scenery.

Excellent series much enjoyed !!!!!

Our family watches your program together every weekend and we find it very intelligent and well presented. Such a great idea! Thank you.

The most awe-inspiring Classical Music program I have seen to date. MAGNIFICENT.

Brilliant series. A must in my house every Sunday night.
Fantastic scenery accompanied by soul inspiring music and commentary.
The best travel show ever. Thank you.



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Thank you for this pleasant show, it has opened up a whole new world for my family, looking forward to exploring the world of classical music, again thank you.

Simon is a marvellous host informative and interesting.
Your show is simply beautiful!

A truly enlightening program about our past and insight into the rich cultural background to the more popular classical music that so often gets overlooked in today's society.

For someone who did not like classical music, a very good insight into it.
Keep up the good entertainment.

I have enjoyed both the magnificent buildings and scenery along with the music of each composer.

Love the show - especially Simon Callow, he's a delight to listen to and watch.

A very impressive production.
Magnificent scenery and excellent musical presentations.

We enjoyed the program very much! A delight for eyes and ears!
Thank you very much - please repeat it.

I thoroughly enjoyed the series especially the scenery, music and of course the narration explaining the history, it has made me want to revisit the countries. I hope that you do more of the series it was wonderful.

We watched your programme on St Petersburg this evening. We had no idea it was such a beautiful city. We would like to have heard more music.

We don't miss your programme and make sure we tape it if we not at home at 6 pm on Sunday.

I caught this show by chance and was absolutely entranced! What a brilliant concept for travel/entertainment... It has moved me to look into travelling to places I never imagined (too cold!). I won't miss a show from now on!

I do enjoy your show. The photography is wonderful and atmospheric, and I love that it isn't just in summer. The theme song is haunting. I would probably like just a little more information on how to find the special buildings and sites and how I can visit them myself. Thanks.

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Classical music is my passion and as I have been to almost all the places shown in your series your program is my favourite of almost all I watch on television - thank you - it's fabulous and I am now saving to go back!

I like the show very much. Would love to get my husband a tour to the classical destinations one day as he loves classical music very much.

Dear Sir/Madam, I would like to congratulate you on your programme, which I firmly believe is the most marvellous on television currently. The quality of the footage, the music and historical research is remarkable. The presenters do a very good job of enlivening their discussions by using not only the purely technical commentary when discussing the musician and their works but also referring to relevant socio-political influences on the musicians.

I am travelling to Prague, Budapest, Vienna and Salzburg in September 2006 for my honeymoon. My fiancée and I are now avid watchers of your shown and have been taking notes for our trip. Please make further series!

A great program with an armchair tour.

I have been watching this magnificently produced and presented excellent program with great enthusiasm and pleasure. Therefore I recently purchased self-titled 'Classical Destinations DVD and CD Sets'. We watched the DVD many times.

It is an unforgettable dream to imagine being able to see and be in those beautiful places where once the classical music composers used to live. If someone asks me how I can explain the production, I can simply say 'It is simply more beautiful than marvellous!'

