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**Department of
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“ Culture is not an ornament. It is the foundation on which our society stands and on which it is built. It is the task of politics to secure and strengthen it. ”

Enquete Commission on Culture in Germany, 2007

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Head of Department

Marek Wiechers, Director of the Department of Arts and Culture

Marek Wiechers, born in Braunschweig in 1976, studied law in Göttingen and Berlin.

Before moving to the City of Munich, he worked, among other things, at the German *Bundestag*'s Research Services and as a consultant in the Saxon State Ministry for Science and Art in Dresden.

Wiechers has been working for the City of Munich since 2007, initially in the Department of Social Services, also as Deputy Head of the City Youth Welfare Office. In 2014, he moved to the staff unit of the Mayor's Office, where his responsibilities included the cultural sector. From 2016, he was office manager there.

In 2019, Wiechers moved to the Department of Arts and Culture, where he held the position of City Director and the Permanent Deputy to the Head of Department for six years. Since July 1, 2025 Wiechers has been Director of the Department of Arts and Culture of the City of Munich.



Dear cooperation partners, dear actors in art and culture,

This brochure introduces the Department of Arts and Culture of the City of Munich. It provides an insight into our tasks, our structures, and our budgets.

The Department of Arts and Culture includes five museums, one orchestra, three cultural educational institutions, and four theaters, some of which are associated companies. In addition, around one-fifth of the city's cultural budget is used to promote art and culture. The five Specialist Sections in the administration at Burgstraße 4 are responsible for this.

The Department of Arts and Culture itself employs around 1,100 people, with a further 1,000 working for the associated companies. At € 291 million in 2026, around 3 percent of the city's budget will be allocated to municipal cultural funding.

Together with many other actors, institutions, and initiatives, we ensure a diverse cultural life in Munich. Everyone in Munich should feel invited to take advantage of the diverse range of offerings, to help shape them, and to pass them on.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Wiechers".

Marek Wiechers

Maximilian Leuprecht, Deputy of the Director of the Department



Since July 2025, Maximilian Leuprecht has been deputy to Marek Wiechers, the Director of the Department of Arts and Culture. From 2014 to 2018, he headed the Head Office of the Department of Arts and Culture and subsequently the Section of District Culture. He then directed the office of Mayor Katrin Habenschaden and went on to run the Climate Protection and Energy division in the Department for Climate and Environmental Protection.

Responsibilities

As deputy to the Director of the Department of Arts and Culture, Maximilian Leuprecht is responsible for equal opportunities, law, inclusion and diversity as well as personnel issues.

He manages projects such as the creation of a *Kulturbeirat* (Cultural Advisory Board) as well as the development of the *Kreativquartier* (Creative Quarter) and the *Jutierhalle* and *Tonnenhalle*.



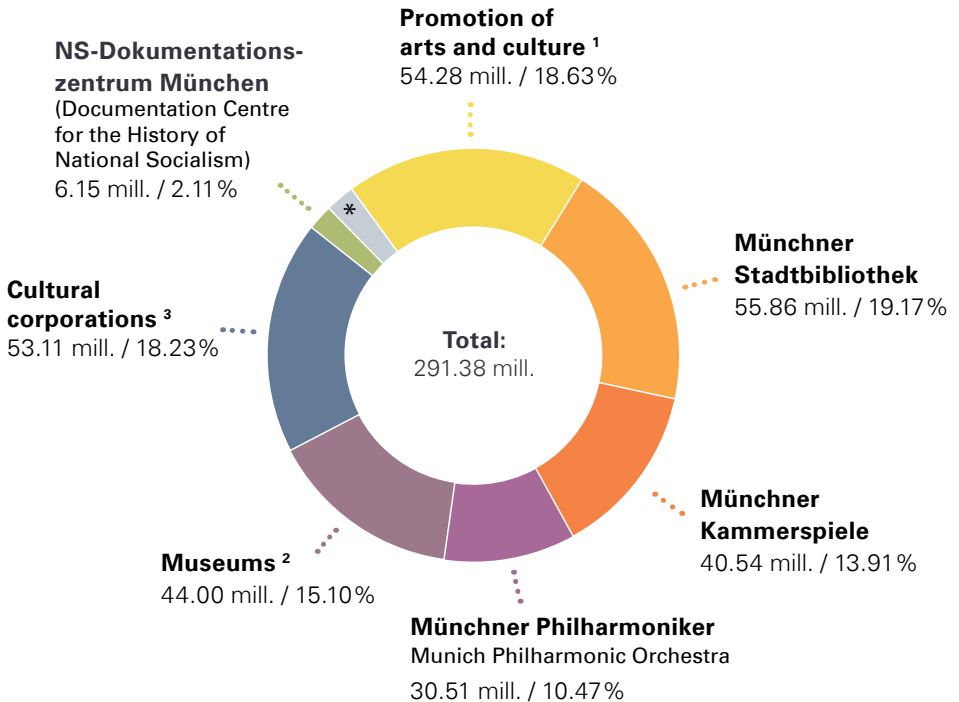
A promenade concert by the Münchner Philharmoniker.

Tasks of the Department of Arts and Culture

The municipal cultural mandate includes

- Contributions to Munich's cultural program by the municipal cultural institutes and the sections of the Department of Arts and Culture
- Supporting non-commercial cultural projects and events on the basis of the city's funding guidelines by providing advice, space, money, event technology and awards
- The appreciation and the support of professional artistic and creative work - also through fair fees
- Facilitating civic engagement for everyone in the field of art and culture
- Providing cultural education in order to make art and culture accessible to the entire, growing and diverse urban society

Culture budget 2026



¹ *Promotion of arts and culture*: Promotion of the arts, cultural participation and education, district culture and cultural urban development

² *Museums*: Lenbachhaus, Jüdisches Musuem (Jewish Museum), Münchener Stadtmuseum (Munich City Museum), Museum Villa Stuck, Valentin Karlstadt Musäum

³ *Cultural corporations*: Deutsches Theater, Münchener Volkshochschule (Munich Adult Education Center), Münchener Volkstheater, Pasinger Fabrik, Spielmotor München Festival gGmbH

* *Administration*: 6.93 mill. / 2.38%

Funding criteria

The Department of Arts and Culture supports a wide range of projects and initiatives in the arts and culture sector. In addition to professional quality, the funding criteria also include key areas such as relevance, resonance, originality, sustainability, participation, and gender mainstreaming. In terms of content, they must pursue one of the following goals:

Promotion of art and culture: Culture is a lively engagement with traditions as well as innovative approaches.

Diversity: Projects should strengthen the artistic and cultural diversity of the city and focus on marginalized groups. The intention is to break down structural and institutional barriers.

International Exchange: Munich's art and culture scene should be anchored globally and offer international art a space in the city.

Identification: Engagement with urban processes should encourage critical engagement with topics such as globalization and its local impacts.

Education: Cultural techniques and knowledge of social and political issues should be imparted in order to promote lifelong learning.

Detailed funding criteria and further information can be found at www.muenchen.de/kulturfoerderung (information in German).

Funding allocation figures

The approximately 54 million euros indicated as “Promotion of arts and culture” in the 2026 budget allocation include the following services, for example:

- More than 2,700 events and projects are supported each year with advice, event technology, rent-free rooms and financial assistance.
- The independent theater and dance scene is supported with around 5.5 million euros, including infrastructure measures.
- About 5.4 million euros flow annually into around 35 district cultural centers, clubhouses and the Eine-Welt-Haus (One World House).
- 1.2 million euros have been budgeted for cultural district weeks, cultural days, the AnderArt Festival and other projects in the districts.
- The Literaturfest München (Munich Literature Festival) is funded with 185,000 euros annually.



- Around 900,000 euros are typically allocated by the Department of Arts and Culture for Public Art. In addition, around 900,000 euros are allocated for Quivid – Art in Architecture (Department of Public Construction).
- Six municipal Art Spaces with a budget of 733,000 euros offer exhibition opportunities and an educational program.
- A budget of 434,000 euros has been set aside for the awarding of prizes, scholarships and awards.
- Around 1,500 visual artists are supported through the studio funding program through advice, financially or with work or residential studios.
- Around 1,100 musicians use municipal music rehearsal rooms or receive a rent subsidy.
- 1.2 million euros are available for around 200 cultural education projects.
- Almost 190,000 euros flow into international projects, and more than 30 residencies are made possible each year.
- 276,000 euros are available for folk culture topics, especially participatory offers.
- There is a separate Staff Unit for Diversity and Inclusion in the Head of Department with a budget of 200,000 euros.
- 250,000 euros are earmarked for Public History: Programs, projects, funding.
- 210,000 euros are made available for the cultural and creative industries, including interim uses.

The festivals Münchner Biennale, Dance, and Spielart, which were previously organized or subsidized by the Department of Arts and Culture, will in future be organized by the municipal cultural corporation Spielmotor. The annual budget of approximately 3.6 million euros, including venue rentals, is listed on page 8 of the budget allocation under “Cultural corporations”.

Major cultural projects

Gasteig Cultural Center

The Gasteig at the Rosenheimer Platz is being renovated.

Until the reopening, the resident users are housed in interim accommodations.

www.gasteig.de

Gasteig HP8 and Isarphilharmonie (interim)

Münchner Stadtbibliothek (Munich City Library), Münchner Volkshochschule (Munich Adult Education Centre), Münchner Philharmoniker (Munich Philharmonic Orchestra), Hochschule für Musik und Theater (University of Music and Theater), as well as numerous other event organizers
Hans-Preißinger-Straße 8

Gasteig Motorama (interim)

Münchner Stadtbibliothek (Munich City Library), Rosenheimer Straße 30

A glass “cultural bridge” will open up the building to the city.



Kreativquartier (Creative Quarter)

Between Schwabing and Neuhausen, near the Olympic Park

The 20-hectare site near the Olympic Park combines living and working with art, culture and knowledge.

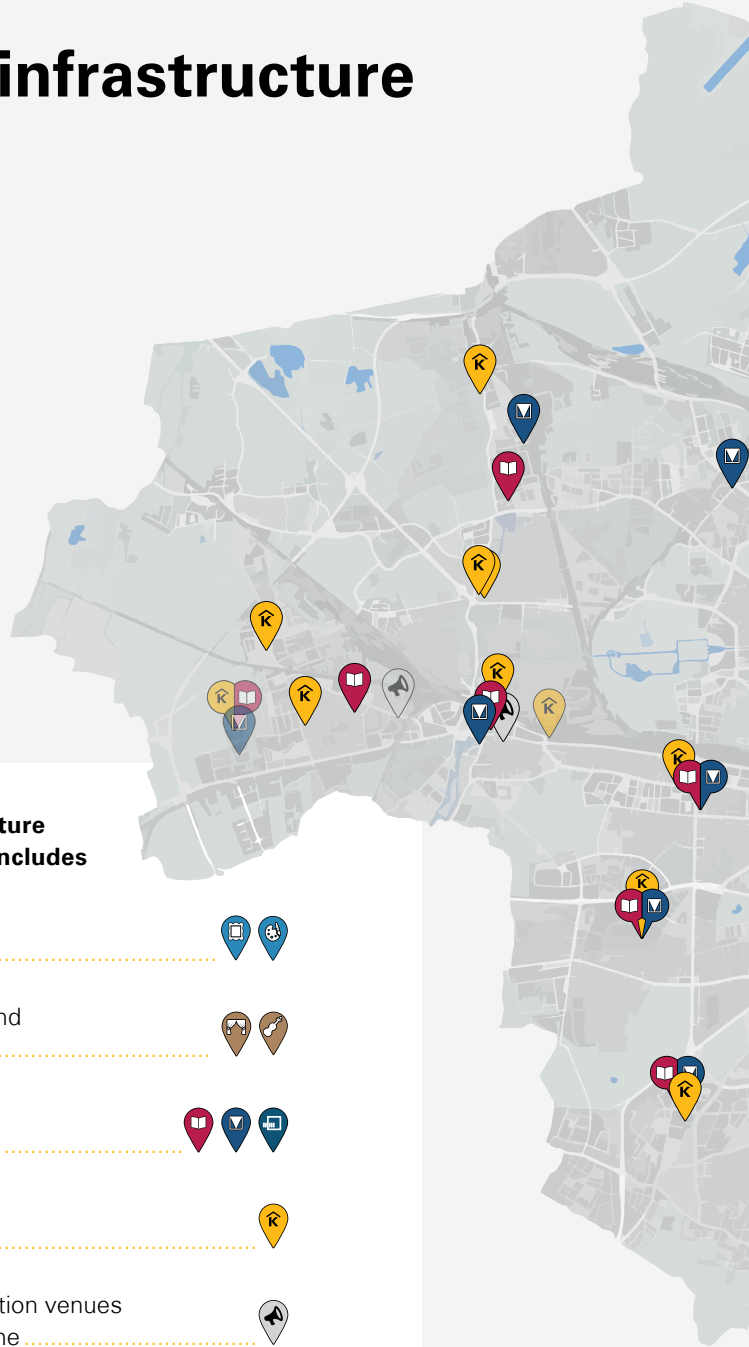
The central public space for everyone is to be created around the Jutierhalle and the Tonnenhalle. The two listed industrial halls will be used for cultural purposes.

www.muenchen.de/kreativquartier

Numerous creative people and artists work and present themselves on the terrain at Leonrodplatz.



Cultural infrastructure



The cultural infrastructure of the City of Munich includes

the municipal museums and art spaces



the municipal theaters and the municipal orchestra



the municipal cultural educational institutions

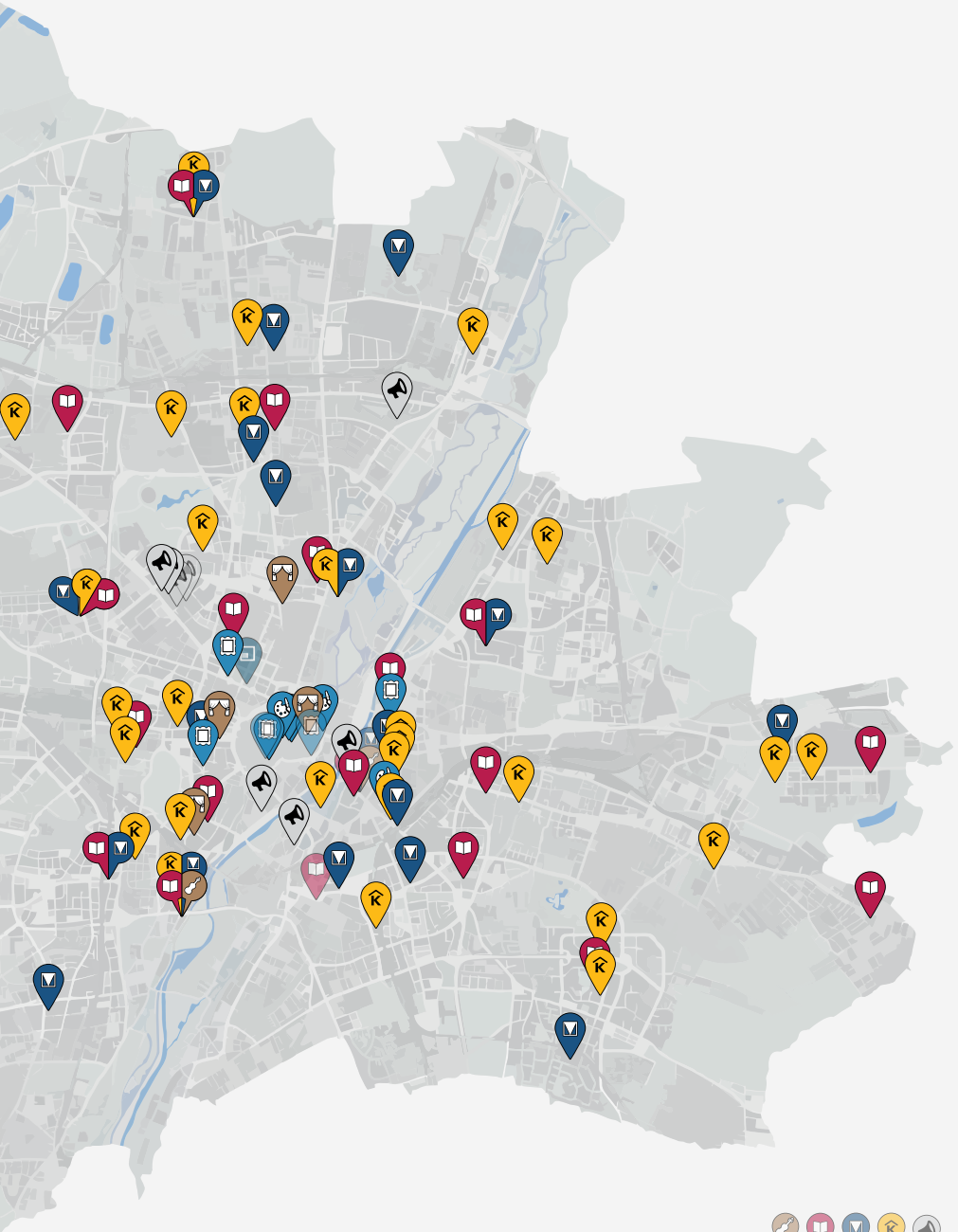


the cultural centres in the city districts



production and presentation venues for the independent scene





in planning / under construction



Organisation chart

Head of Department
 Director of the Department
 Marek W
 Deputy of the Director
 Maximilian

Executive management
 Klaus Seitz

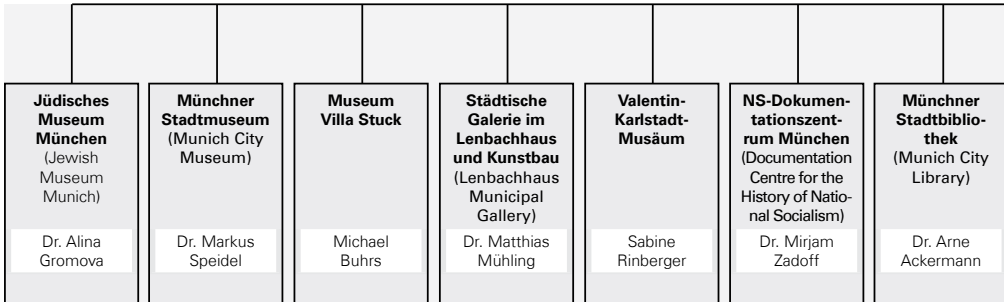
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 Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Film,
 Literature, Music, Science
 Dr. Michael Ott

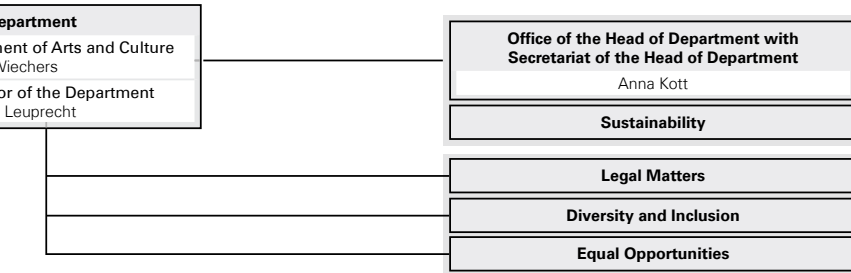
Section 2
 District Culture, Regional Festivals,
 Cultural Infrastructure, Event Technology
 Erika Kerner

Section 3
 Cultural Education, International Cultural
 Cooperation, Urban Cultures
 Stefanie Reichelt

Section 4
 Public History München
 Dr. Sabine Schalm

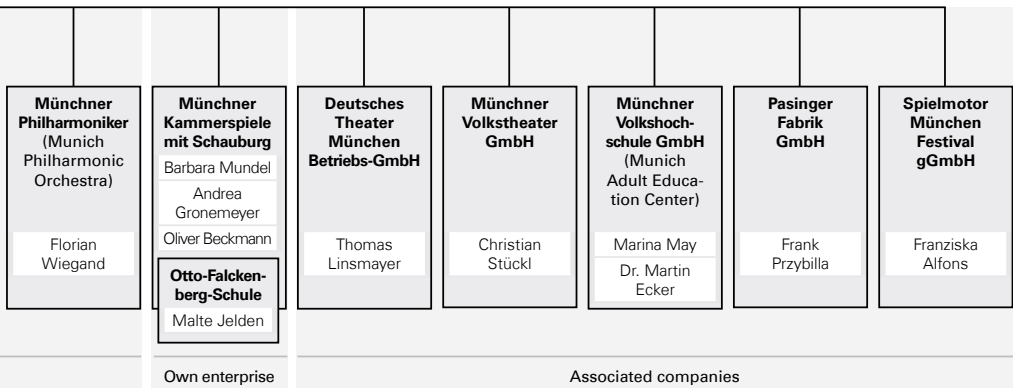
Section 5
 Grants and Holdings Management
 Norbert Eder





Department of Arts and Culture:
1,107 employees

Cultural corporations:
1,000 employees



Core Area

Executive management

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36 employees

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Head of the Department

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Office of the Head of Department

11 employees

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Sections

1

Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Film, Literature, Music, Science, the Public Art München program, the Municipal Art Spaces, Municipal Studio Houses, and Kreativ München – Team of Excellence for the Cultural and Creative Industries (pro rata)

39 employees

Head of Section: Dr. Michael Ott, Deputy: Heike Lies
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Kreativ München (Team of Excellence for the Cultural and Creative Industries)

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2

District Culture with 35 district cultural centres, **Regional Festivals, Cultural Infrastructure, Event Technology**

38 employees

Head of Section: Erika Kerner, Deputy: Barbara Hein

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3

Cultural Education, International Cultural Cooperation, with Artist-in-Residence-Program (Villa Waldberta, Ebenböckhaus), **Urban Cultures**

30 employees

Head of Section: Stefanie Reichelt,

Deputies: Dr. Martin Rohmer, Laura Sánchez-Serrano

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4

Public History München

10 employees

Head of Section: Dr. Sabine Schalm, Deputy: Moritz Kienast

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5

Grants and Holdings Management

15 employees

Norbert Eder, Deputy: Katrin Griep

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Municipal theaters



Münchner Kammerspiele

Maximilianstraße 26–28, Falckenbergstraße 1, Hildegardstraße 1

www.kammerspiele.de

Director: Barbara Mundel

Auditorium capacity: 676 seats (Schauspielhaus), 240 seats (Therese-Giehse-Halle), 134 seats (Werkraum)

Total budget: € 46.0 million, of which municipal subsidy: € 40.7 million

The Munich Kammerspiele (Production Manager: Oliver Beckmann) includes the Schauburg (Director: Andrea Gronemeyer) and the Otto-Falckenberg-Schule (Director: Malte Jelden).



Schauburg – Theater for Young Audiences

Franz-Joseph-Straße 47

www.schauburg.net

Auditorium capacity: up to 230 seats (Große Burg), up to 50 seats (Kleine Burg)



Deutsches Theater BetriebsGmbH

Schwanthaler Straße 13

www.deutsches-theater.de

Director: Thomas Linsmayer

Auditorium capacity: 1,500 seats
(Theatersaal), 230 seats / 399 standing
room (Silbersaal)

Total budget: € 11.0 million,
of which municipal subsidy: 2.7 Mio. €



Münchner Volkstheater GmbH

Tumblingerstraße 29

www.muenchner-volkstheater.de

Director: Christian Stückl

Auditorium capacity: 600 seats (Große
Bühne) and two further stages with 200
and 100 seats

Total budget: € 22.2 million,
of which municipal subsidy: € 19.1 million

Municipal orchestra



Münchner Philharmoniker (Munich Philharmonic Orchestra)

Gasteig HP8, Isarphilharmonie

Hans-Preißinger-Straße 8

www.mphil.de

Director: Florian Wiegand

Auditorium capacity: 1,800 seats

Total budget: €30.5 million,

of which municipal subsidy: € 24.3 million



Municipal museums



Jüdisches Museum München (Jewish Museum Munich)

St.-Jakobs-Platz 16

www.juedisches-museum-muenchen.de

Director: Dr. Alina Gromova

Total budget: € 3.4 million



Lenbachhaus und Kunstbau (Lenbachhaus Municipal Gallery)

Luisenstraße 33 (Königsplatz)

www.lenbachhaus.de

Director: Dr. Matthias Mühlning

Total budget: € 16.1 million

Municipal museums



Münchner Stadtmuseum (Munich City Museum)

St.-Jakobs-Platz 1

www.muenchner-stadtmuseum.de

Director: Dr. Markus Speidel

Total budget: € 17.1 million



General refurbishment until 2031

Film museum remains open.

At Zeughaus: "What the City.
Perspectives of Munich".



Museum Villa Stuck

Prinzregentenstraße 60

www.villastuck.de

Director: Michael Buhrs

Total budget: € 5.5 million



Valentin-Karlstadt-Musäum

Tal 50

www.valentin-karlstadt-musaeum.de

Director: Sabine Rinberger

Total budget: € 2.0 million



Currently closed for renovations.
Courtyard exhibitions at the Isar-
tor. Reopening in July 2026.

Municipal art spaces



- **Artothek & Bildersaal**
Burgstraße 4
- **Kunstarkaden**
Sparkassenstraße 3
- **Lothringer13 Halle,**
Florida Lothringer13
Lothringer Straße 13
- **MaximiliansForum**
Maximilianstraße / Altstadtring
- **Rathausgalerie**
Marienplatz 8

Municipal educational institutions



Münchner Stadtbibliothek (Munich City Library)

During the renovation of the Gasteig:

- Gasteig HP8, Hans-Preißinger-Straße 8
- Motorama, Rosenheimer Straße 30-32

Plus more than **20 branch libraries** and the **Juristische Bibliothek** (Law Library in the City Hall), the **Monacensia** Literary Archive (Direction: Anke Buettner) als well as bookmobiles, hospital libraries, and a mobile media service.

www.muenchner-stadtbibliothek.de

Director: Dr. Arne Ackermann

Total budget: € 55.9 million



Münchner Volkshochschule – MVHS (Munich Adult Education Centre)

Head office in the Einstein 28 Education Center, Einsteinstraße 28, 24 locations in the districts as well as the Ökologisches Bildungszentrum (Ecological Education Centre) and Haus Buchenried.

www.mvhs.de

Director: Marina May/ Dr. Martin Ecker

Total budget: € 60.3 million,
of which municipal subsidy: € 24.7 million



The Learning Center at the NS-Dokumentationszentrum.



**NS-Dokumentationszentrum
München
(Munich Documentation Centre for
the History of National Socialism)**

Max-Mannheimer-Platz 1

www.nsdoku.de

Director: Dr. Mirjam Zadoff

Total budget: € 6.1 million

Cultural infrastructure in the city space (selection)

City district	Cultural centres
Allach - Untermerzing	<i>Stadtbibliothek</i> : Pfarrer-Grimm-Straße 1 <i>Vereinsheim Allach-Untermerzing</i> : Eversbuschstraße 161 <i>MVHS</i> : Oertelplatz 11 in the <i>EVER.S</i>
Aubing	Kulturzentrum <i>ubo9</i> : Ubostraße 9
Am Hart	<i>MVHS</i> : Troppauer Straße 10
Berg am Laim	<i>Vereinsheim Berg am Laim</i> : Berg-am-Laim-Straße 126 <i>Stadtbibliothek</i> : Schlüsselbergstraße 4
Bogenhausen	<i>Bürgerpark Oberföhring</i> : Oberföhringer Straße 156 Kulturzentrum <i>Neue Ziegelei</i> : Ruth-Drexel-Straße 34 <i>Ökologisches Bildungszentrum</i> : Engelschalkinger Straße 166 <i>MVHS, Stadtbibliothek</i> : Rosenkavalierplatz 16 <i>Monacensia</i> (Library, Literary Archive): Maria-Theresia-Str. 23
Freimann	Kulturzentrum <i>Mohr-Villa</i> : Situlistraße 73-75 <i>MVHS</i> : Keilberthstraße 6 Pop-up-Library <i>bibBox</i> : Karl-Köglsperger-Straße 25
Fürstenried	<i>Bürgersaal Fürstenried</i> : Züricher Straße 35 <i>MVHS</i> : Forstenrieder Allee 61 <i>Stadtbibliothek</i> : Berner Straße 4
Giesing	Kulturzentrum <i>Giesinger Bahnhof</i> : Giesinger Bahnhofplatz 1 <i>Stadtbibliothek</i> : Deisenhofener Straße 20
Hadern	Kulturzentrum <i>Guardini90, MVHS, Stadtbibliothek</i> : Guardinistraße 90

City district	Cultural centres
Haidhausen	Kulturzentrum <i>Einstein Kultur</i> : Einsteinstraße 42 <i>Bürgersaal Haidhausen, Theater Drehleier</i> : Rosenheimer Str. 123 <i>Haidhausen Museum</i> : Kirchenstraße 24 <i>Üblacker-Häusl</i> : Preysingstraße 58, <i>Valentinhaus</i> : Zeppelinstraße 41 <i>MVHS</i> : Einsteinstraße 28 <i>Stadtbibliothek im Motorama</i> : Rosenheimer Straße 30-32
Hasenberg	<i>Kulturzentrum 2411, MVHS, Stadtbibliothek</i> : Blodigstraße 4
Ludwigsvorstadt - Isarvorstadt	<i>EineWeltHaus</i> : Schwanthalerstraße 80 <i>Kulturzentrum LUISE</i> : Ruppertstraße 5 <i>Stadtbibliothek</i> : Kapuzinerstraße 28
Laim	Kulturzentrum <i>Interim</i> : Am Laimer Anger 2 <i>MVHS, Stadtbibliothek</i> : Fürstenrieder Straße 53
Maxvorstadt	<i>Stadtbibliothek</i> : Augustenstraße 92
Messestadt Riem	Kulturzentrum <i>Kultur-Etage</i> : Erika-Cremer-Straße 8/III Kulturzentrum <i>experiment.kopfbau</i> : Werner-Eckert-Straße 1 <i>MVHS</i> : Paul-Wassermann-Straße 10 <i>Stadtbibliothek</i> : Elisabeth-Castonier-Platz 19
Milbertshofen - Am Hart	Kulturzentrum <i>Kulturhaus Milbertshofen</i> : Curt-Mezger-Platz 1 Kulturzentrum <i>forum 2</i> : Nadistraße 3 <i>Stadtbibliothek</i> : Schleißheimer Straße 340
Moosach	Kultur- und Bürgerhaus <i>Pelkovenschlössl & Hacklhaus</i> : Moosacher St.-Martins-Platz 2 und 3 <i>MVHS</i> : Baubergestraße 6a <i>Stadtbibliothek</i> : Hanauer Straße 61a

City district	Cultural centres
Neuaubing - Westkreuz	<i>Bayer. Schnitzel- & Hendlhaus</i> (Veranstaltungssaal): Limesstr. 63 <i>Stadtbibliothek</i> : Radolfzeller Straße 13
Neuhausen	Kulturzentrum <i>Kultur im Trafo</i> : Nymphenburger Straße 171a <i>MVHS, Stadtbibliothek</i> : Nymphenburger Straße 171b
Neuperlach	Kulturzentrum <i>KulturBunt</i> : Albert-Schweitzer-Straße 62 / 1. OG <i>Pepper Theater</i> : Thomas-Dehler-Straße 12 <i>MVHS</i> : Max-Reinhardt-Weg 29 <i>Stadtbibliothek</i> : Charles-de-Gaulle-Straße 2a
Obersendling	<i>MVHS</i> : Aidenbachstraße 21
Pasing - Obermenzing	Kulturzentrum <i>Pasinger Fabrik</i> : August-Exter-Straße 1 Vereinshaus <i>Carlhäusl</i> : An der Würm 1 <i>Zehentstadel</i> : Zehentstadelweg 6 <i>MVHS</i> : Bäckerstraße 14 <i>Stadtbibliothek</i> : Bäckerstraße 9
Ramersdorf	<i>MVHS</i> : Claudius-Keller-Straße 7 (interim for the City Center East) <i>Stadtbibliothek</i> : Führichstraße 43
Schwabing	Kulturzentrum <i>Seidvilla</i> , <i>MVHS</i> : Nikolaiplatz 1b <i>KulturBüro im Ackermannbogen</i> : Rosa-Aschenbrenner-Bogen 9 <i>MVHS</i> : Belgradstraße 108 bei der Stiftung Pfennigparade <i>Stadtbibliothek</i> : Hohenzollernstraße 16
Schwanthalerhöhe	<i>Kulturkeller Westend</i> : Westendstraße 76/Rgb. <i>Kulturladen Westend</i> : Ligsalzstraße 44 <i>Stadtbibliothek</i> : Schießstättstraße 20c
Sendling	Kulturzentrum <i>Sendlinger Kulturschmiede</i> : Daiserstraße 22 <i>Gasteig HP8</i> : Hans-Preißinger-Straße 8 <i>MVHS, Stadtbibliothek</i> : Albert-Roßhaupter-Straße 8
Trudering	<i>Kulturzentrum Trudering</i> : Wasserburger Landstraße 32
Waldtrudering	<i>Stadtbibliothek</i> : Wasserburger Landstraße 241

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www.muenchen.de/kulturreferat
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