Press release of the Salzburg Festival 2019

MUSICAL AMERICA announces 2020 Awards: SALZBURG Festival Named "Festival of the Year"

The <u>annual Musical America Awards</u> will be presented in a special ceremony at Carnegie Hall, NY, beginning of December in the presence of Festival President Helga Rabl-Stadler and the Artistic Director Markus Hinterhäuser.

"On behalf of the hundreds of staff members and artists of the Salzburg Festival, we thank the editors for selecting the Salzburg Festival and bestowing upon us the honor of "Festival of the Year". We are particularly thrilled about this award given our strong bond with America. Since our founding in 1920 we have been connected to your country artistically and have benefited from the philanthropy of your citizens. We congratulate the other recipients and look forward to celebrating with them in New York this December. And those who want to experience the Salzburg Festival flair should attend a performance of *Wozzeck* at the Metropolitan Opera in New York this December and January, a co-production of the Salzburg Festival and the MET. This production directed by William Kentridge premiered in Salzburg in 2017 to great acclaim from audiences and critics alike."

Helga Rabl-Stadler, Markus Hinterhäuser, Lukas Crepaz, Directorate of the Salzburg Festival