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<i>Lisa Chickering </i>: It's the home of artists, poets, writers and above all, some of the worlds greatest music was born here. Beethoven, who lived here, found his source of inspiration in its creative atmosphere. Vienna what you might call then concert stage and the pleasure stage of the world.

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<i>Lisa Chickering </i>: This is Helana, a young music student of typical Viennese beauty, she is copying down the musical event she wants to hear performed during the festival weeks. And these colorful kiosks all over town announce the very programs being presented such as operas, symphonies, oratorials, and chamber works.

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<i>Lisa Chickering </i>: Going through the Rose Laden Folks Garden, the oldest park in Vienna, Helana is on her way to the Music Academy. And she's a very serious piano student.

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<i>Lisa Chickering </i>: She passes the Votive Church built in gratitude for the preservation of the life of the Emperor Frantz Joseph. In 1853, on this very spot, an assassin attempted to take the life of the young monarch but luckily failed.

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<i>Lisa Chickering </i>: Entering the same music academy, Helana hoped she too will become as fine an artist as many of it produced. Some afternoons she goes out to study music in the quiet gardens of the magnificent Schonbrunn Palace.

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<i>Lisa Chickering </i>: It was mainly the creation of empress Maria Theresa during the 18th century and was her favorite summer residence. The mellow color of its exteriors even called Maria Theresa yellow.

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<i>Lisa Chickering </i>: And many famous persons that just through the past lived in this Versailles Vienna. Maria Antoinette was born here, Napoleon occupied its royal rooms, his ill faithed son the Duke of Reichstadt died here, and the most beloved of the ruling monarchs emperor Frantz Joseph was born and died here.

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<i>Lisa Chickering </i>: The Palace derived its name, Schonbrunn, meaning "beautiful fountain" from those found throughout the grounds. And musical history was made here too when little 5-year-old Mozart amazed the court with his virtuosity in playing the harpsichord. After his performance, he tripped and fell down and young Maria Antoinette helped him up.

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<i>Lisa Chickering </i>: He thanked her saying, "I will marry you." She no doubt wished he had instead of losing her head to a Frenchman.



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