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FABIO WIBMER ON A MISSION AT THE RED BULL RING

Motorrad Grand Prix von Österreich 2024 | 16 - 18 August | Red Bull Ring | Cycling athlete Fabio Wibmer takes on the MotoGP challenge | From MiniGP via Moto2 to a Red Bull KTM Factory Racing bike

Fabio Wibmer is one of the most extraordinary sports personalities on the planet. What this trial bike artist accomplishes on two wheels is almost unbelievable. A huge MotoGP fan himself, the 29-year-old has taken on the challenge of the premier motorcycle class at the Red Bull Ring where he will be riding a KTM RC16 race bike. He has had the moral and technical support of Gustl Auinger and Dani Pedrosa in this venture. Visit www.redbullring.com to find out how the exceptionally talented rider from East Tyrol fared in the saddle of this high-powered machine and also to secure your ticket for the MotoGP weekend in Spielberg (16th - 18th August).

Wibmer has millions of fans on YouTube. Whether he's urban freeriding down the steep and narrow streets of Valparaiso in Chile or backflipping down the Streif, the world's toughest ski run, Fabio Wibmer masters every descent, no matter how challenging, uses everything that crosses his path and incorporates tricks where others would have long since put on the brakes. The exploits of the two-wheeled virtuoso have been followed by well over 7.8 million admirers on YouTube. The currently most-watched clip has over 263 million views. Constantly on the lookout for new thrills, Fabio has set himself the challenge of mastering the skills to compete on a race bike in the premier motorcycle class within a record short space of time. In doing so, he will be fulfilling a long-cherished dream.

From MiniGP bike to premier class. On his latest mission, he has had the support of five-time Austrian GP winner Gustl Auinger and world champion and KTM test rider Dani Pedrosa. Fabio began his induction on an Ohvale MiniGP bike at the Red Bull Ring Driving Center. Gustl Auinger was impressed: "You can't expect more in such a short time. I can say, without flattery, that he's doing a fantastic job." So it was time to hit the Grand Prix tarmac on a really powerful machine. The sound of the KTM alone is in a completely different league, and the rapid career move via a Moto2 bike at the Red Bull Ring to the once-in-a-lifetime MotoGP experience can hardly be put into words: "The power is just crazy," says Fabio with a chuckle. Spain's Dani Pedrosa, 31-time Grand Prix winner and MotoGP vice-champion, was also highly complimentary: "I watched him closely, and it was perfect. I'm impressed." Watch and be inspired: www.redbull.com/at-de/motogp-fabio-wibmer

From discerning fan to MotoGP race bike rider. Fabio Wibmer is a regular guest at the "Motorrad Grand Prix von Österreich" hosted by the Red Bull Ring. In 2023 alone, numerous epic photos were taken of the cycling artist on and around the national GP circuit. It was then that the idea of graduating to the most powerful motorized version on two wheels was born. "I have ten years of experience in motocross, but this is a whole different ball game," said Fabio, blown away by his ride on the 280hp KTM RC16: "Very few people get the chance to ride a machine like this. The grip is insane. The most fascinating aspect is the way you can lean into the corners and discover what angles are possible. It's an absolute dream come true!"

MotoGP festival at Spielberg. In just a few weeks, the world's top riders will be back in the Steiermark region of Austria. On the weekend of 16th - 18th August, fans will be soaking up the motorsport entertainment and the festival atmosphere in the MotoGP Bike City. There will be double the racing action, with the sprint event on Saturday and the Grand Prix on Sunday.

You can find out more about the "Motorrad Grand Prix von Österreich 2024" and purchase tickets at www.redbullring.com.