

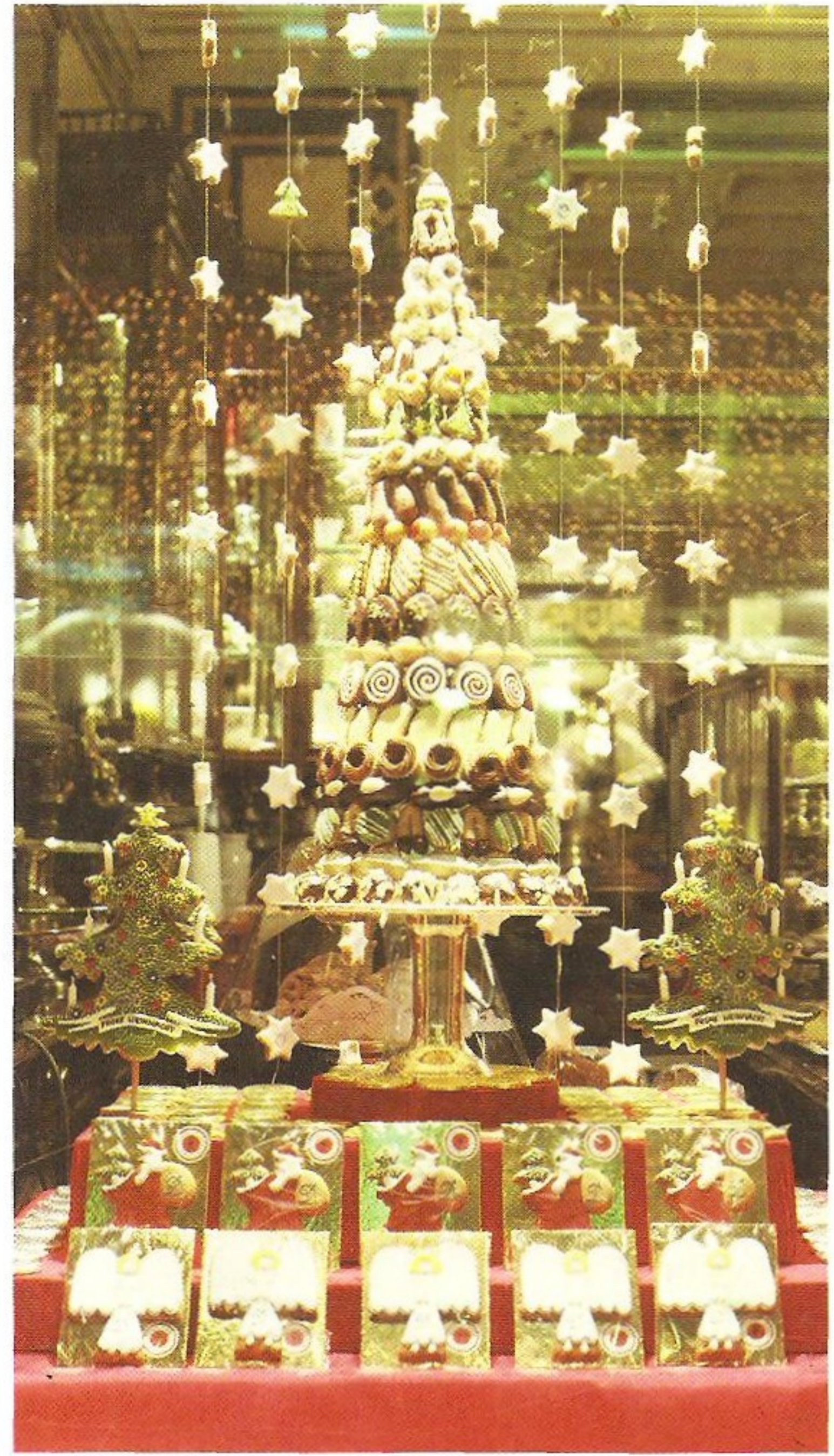
from the Vienna State Opera, supplement the boys' sopranos and altos. Very little has changed in the choir's performance since the chapel was built in the late 1400's—except, of course, that the youngsters have become famous all over the world.

The Austrian composers Joseph Haydn and Franz Schubert were members of the Vienna Boys' Choir, whose continued existence over a period of more than 500 years is another testament to the Austrian people's profound love of music. Christmas in Vienna would not be the same without this magnificent choir.

One of the most wonderful experiences to be had in Vienna at Christmastime is a visit to one of its many pastry shops. Demel's pastry shop, the world-famous *Konditorei*, or confectioner, offers a magnificent annual Christmas display. Gorgeous fairy-tale landscapes feature butter-cream meadows, chocolate Tyrolean cottages, *marzipan* (almond and sugar candy) glaciers, and delicious stylized Christmas trees. Even people who can't afford the calories or the expense of a *Schaumrolle* (pastry filled with whipped cream) or a *Doboschtorte* (rich, chocolate-filled cake with caramel topping) can feast their eyes on the displays for free.

It is said that Demel's represents the Viennese *Lebensart*, the city's manner of living, and the city's sweet way of life. The shop is a national monument. Demel's uses only the finest ingredients from all over the world. The shop even mixes its own chocolate from selected cocoa beans and sugar.

Ludwig Dehne, a sugar baker's apprentice from Württemberg, founded the pastry shop in 1786. He established the shop across from the stage door of the old Burg Theater. Dehne's beautifully crafted cookies, doughnuts, and ice cream creations became



*Delicious Christmas treats fill the window of Demel's pastry shop, a Vienna landmark.*