

Message

from the Governing Mayor of Berlin, Michael Müller,
for the 16th Festival of Lights,
11 to 20 September 2020

Welcome to this year's Festival of Lights!

For what is now the 16th time, the festival is giving us the chance to view our city, its neighborhoods, and many of its iconic landmarks from another perspective and to experience breathtaking light art in creative and colorful installations. We can anticipate plenty of innovations, too, such as the digital options that enable spectators from all over the world to be part of this event, no matter where they are.

I am delighted that Berlin's event calendar includes a highlight like the Festival of Lights – especially in this extraordinary year. The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted so many plans and still has not just our own society, but the entire world, in its grip. In my view, one thing is clear: we can overcome enormous social challenges and the current crisis only by working together. That idea is much on our minds right now, as we get ready to celebrate the 30th anniversary of German reunification.

The theme of this year's Festival of Lights – “Together we shine” – can be interpreted the same way: as a call for community and solidarity, for consideration and respect. I would like to thank everyone involved in bringing the festival to life, and especially the artists for their passion and commitment. I wish all of the spectators spellbinding moments with this spectacular light art and a wonderful time at the festival.



Michael Müller
Governing Mayor of Berlin