

PRESS RELEASE
18TH FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS, 07 – 16 October 2022

Festival of Lights Berlin successfully ended with a new energy saving concept: Streams of visitors in the city centre

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On Sunday, the traditional Berlin Festival of Lights ended after 10 days. The organizers drew an extremely positive conclusion: "Although the festival was a little smaller this year, in a reduced and energy-saving edition, we were able to welcome hundreds of thousands of visitors every evening and even set a visitor record on the second Saturday. That makes us incredibly happy and also a bit proud," says festival director Birgit Zander. "We set ourselves a very ambitious goal with the new energy-saving concept and the targeted reduction in electricity consumption by 75 percent. The concept worked, we have fully achieved our savings target and are very happy about it," says Zander.

The mood among the visitors was unique and extremely positive. Many people also spoke of a "fifth season" at this year's Festival of Lights. "It was a harmonious, relaxed and peaceful festival. The visitors met friends or family, strolled through the artfully staged Berlin and were able to enjoy many different light art works. And so escape the challenges of everyday life for a few hours and experience wonderful moments," says Birgit Zander.

70 works of light art could be seen at 35 locations. 90 national and international artists from 12 countries showed their interpretations of the festival motto "Vision of our Future" on the TV tower and on the Brandenburg Gate, including three renowned Ukrainian video studios. The Festival of Lights is also very important for the local economy, as an event relevant to tourism that contributes a lot to the attractiveness of Berlin in the dark season.

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