

Message

from the Governing Mayor of Berlin, Kai Wegner,

for festival media for the 20th Festival of Lights from 4 to 13 October 2024

The Festival of Lights has drawn enthusiastic crowds since its debut in 2005. Many Berliners enjoy this spectacle each year, and more and more visitors from throughout the world are joining them.

I am certain that this October - when, for the festival's ten evenings, artists will make our city's historical and modern landmarks sparkle with light and color - will be no exception.

What's more, we can look forward to a very special event this year. The festival is celebrating its 20th year and has chosen a wonderful theme, "Celebrating Freedom." This message is a perfect fit for Berlin and for 2024: just a few weeks later, our city will mark the 35th anniversary of the fall of the Wall. On that day, Berlin became the city of freedom - a welcoming, cosmopolitan place that fascinates people around the globe and makes its residents proud.

The words "Celebrating Freedom" also remind us how precious our freedom is. Freedom is never simply given to us. Instead, we must defend it, fight for it, and live it every day.

In this spirit, join me in looking forward to an unforgettable 2024 Festival of Lights celebrating the freedom that brings us together and showcasing it in a brilliant way.

Congratulations to everyone involved in this unique event - whether you made it one of the world's most celebrated and popular light festivals over the last 19 years or are now writing the next chapter of this success story. And special thanks to the organizers, their partners, and all the participating artists.



Kai Wegner
Governing Mayor of Berlin