

PRESS RELEASE

20th FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS, October 4th-13th, 2024

20th FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS in Berlin Announces Program – World Star Paul van Dyk Joins the Anniversary Celebration with Highlight Concerts at the Berlin Cathedral

- For the very first time: Spherical soundscapes and intricate 3D light art will be featured at concert highlights with Paul van Dyk in the Berlin Cathedral.
- Renowned festival supporters celebrate the 20th anniversary with light art contributions from LEGO, Potsdamer Platz, SAP, Renault, Sparda-Bank Berlin, Wolt, Kleinanzeigen, Cupra, Beisheim Holding, and more.
- 10 unforgettable nights from October 4th to 13th, with events taking place each evening between 7 PM and 11 PM. This year's festival theme is "Celebrating Freedom."
- The festival program is now available on the official website, including popular Light-seeing tours.

Berlin, September 4, 2024 – The Festival of Lights in Berlin celebrates its 20th anniversary this year, running from October 4th to 13th. "For the 20th time in a row, we will transform our capital into a radiant world stage for spectacular light art. And since it's a milestone anniversary, everything will be even bigger, more colorful, and more spectacular than ever before. For ten nights, historic monuments, iconic buildings, and popular locations will become shining stars. 'Celebrating Freedom' is the theme of our anniversary edition. Thirty-five years after the fall of the Berlin Wall, we want to celebrate freedom. After all, what could be more important and beautiful than freedom, which gives us so many opportunities to shape our lives according to our own ideas?" said Birgit Zander, organizer and director of the FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS.

World Premiere: Concert Highlight with Paul van Dyk and Custom 3D Light Art on October 8 and 9, 2024, in the Berlin Cathedral

On October 8 and 9, 2024, the Berlin Cathedral will become the stage for a unique musical and visual experience: Paul van Dyk presents 'Escape Reality' in collaboration with the Festival of Lights Berlin team. Visitors can expect a stunning light and video installation in the cathedral's altar area that perfectly complements the musical journey. Classics like For An Angel, Time Of Our Lives, and Home will merge into an unforgettable experience through breathtaking audiovisual staging.

International Artists Showcase Their Works on Berlin's Landmarks

At the 20th anniversary of the Festival of Lights, the coveted "Festival of Lights Award" will once again be presented. Twenty international artists will display their interpretations of freedom on Berlin's iconic landmarks. Both a public vote and a jury will decide the winners among the finalists.

In addition to the artists and festival partners, Berlin's Governing Mayor Kai Wegner is among those congratulating the festival on its 20th anniversary. In his welcome speech as the festival's patron, Wegner stated: "'Celebrating Freedom' reminds us how precious freedom is. Freedom is not something that is simply given; it must be defended, fought for, and lived every day. In this spirit, I invite you to join me in looking forward to an unforgettable Festival of Lights 2024 that celebrates the freedom that connects us all and makes it shine in a special way."



20th Consecutive Year: Free Admission to the Festival

Thanks to the generous support of partners and sponsors, the privately funded FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS has been free to the public every year since its inception in 2005. “We are thrilled to once again invite Berliners and guests from around the world to experience captivating light art and magical moments in Berlin,” said Festival Director Birgit Zander.

Thanks to major and special partners, the Festival of Lights can take place.

As in previous years, the festival’s creative direction has carefully curated not only the artistic presentations but also the selection of sponsors and partners. This year’s lineup features prominent names such as LEGO, Potsdamer Platz, SAP, Renault, Sparda-Bank Berlin, The state of Berlin, WBM with Nikolaiviertel, Humboldt Forum, Wolt, Kleinanzeigen, KIDDINX with Benjamin Blümchen, CUPRA GARAGE BERLIN, Estée Lauder Companies, the Caritas Association for the Archdiocese of Berlin, WWF Germany, VBB, the Ukrainian Institute in Germany, Beisheim Holding, and many more.

Thanks to All Supporters from the Governing Mayor of Berlin

Berlin’s Governing Mayor, Kai Wegner, and patron of the Festival of Lights 2024, expresses his heartfelt gratitude in his welcome message, highlighting the annual dedication of the festival team in making this cultural highlight a reality: “My congratulations go out to everyone who has contributed to this extraordinary festival. Over the past 19 editions, they have ensured that it has become one of the most popular and renowned light art festivals in the world, and they continue to build on this success story—especially the organizers, their partners, and all the participating artists.”

You can find the full festival program at www.festival-of-lights.de.

The complete program for this year’s Festival of Lights, along with all information on partners, buildings, and an easy-to-read illumination map, is available from today at www.festival-of-lights.de.

Tickets for the popular Lightseeing tours can already be booked on the festival website. This year’s central marketer for the Lightseeing tours is the festival partner, visitBerlin.

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