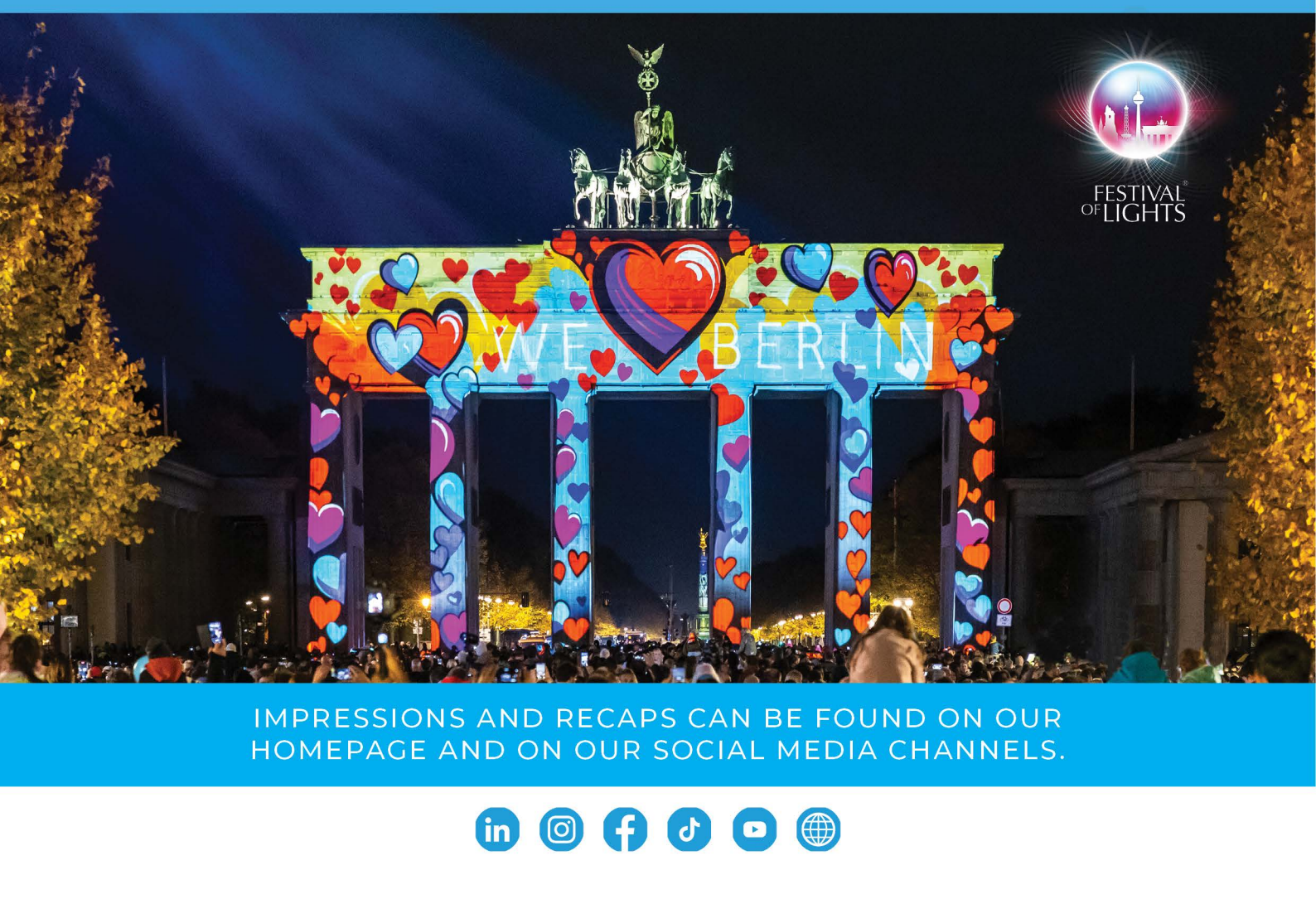


LET'S SHINE TOGETHER



IMPRESSIONS AND RECAPS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR HOMEPAGE AND ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS.



21ST FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

The 21st Festival of Lights in Berlin has come to an end with a new visitor record. 'We are delighted to have welcomed more than three million visitors over a total of eight evenings,' said Birgit Zander, organiser and director of the FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS. On Saturday evening alone, around 600,000 spectators attended, setting a historic daily record in the festival's 21-year history.

This year's edition featured world-class light art at over 40 special locations and venues. More than 50 artists from 17 countries created a colourful, diverse and inspiring programme. The German capital thus became Europe's largest open-air gallery.

We will continue to light up Berlin and other international cities and metropolises and are already looking forward to next year!

Birgit Zander

This year's Festival of Lights was held under the patronage of Kai Wegner, Governing Mayor of Berlin.

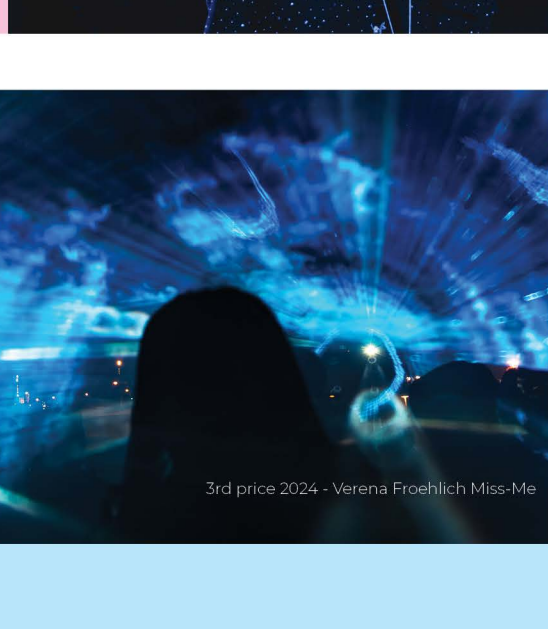
BEST OF FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS 2025

DIGITALLY ON THE GO: A RECAP

THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS
ON INSTAGRAM

Didn't have time to attend the festival in person, or want to relive the magic? Our host @Flamynus.musik guided you through many the highlights on Instagram during the festival! Stop by and relive the festival digitally!

INSTAGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



DON'T MISS OUT: OUR PHOTO CONTEST IS STILL RUNNING

Official Photo Contest 2025:

This year, we are once again inviting professional photographers to capture the magic of the festival with their images.

Send us your best photos by 31 October 2025 and have the chance to win some fantastic prizes, such as a trip for two to the Festival of Lights in Zagreb (many thanks to Zagreb Tourist Board), a Canon EOS R50 V + RF 14-30 lens and many more prizes (many thanks to Foto Meyer).

MORE INFO

BERLIN TV TOWER SHINE BRIGHT LIKE A DIAMOND

The messages of six international light artists
shone brightly and far and wide.

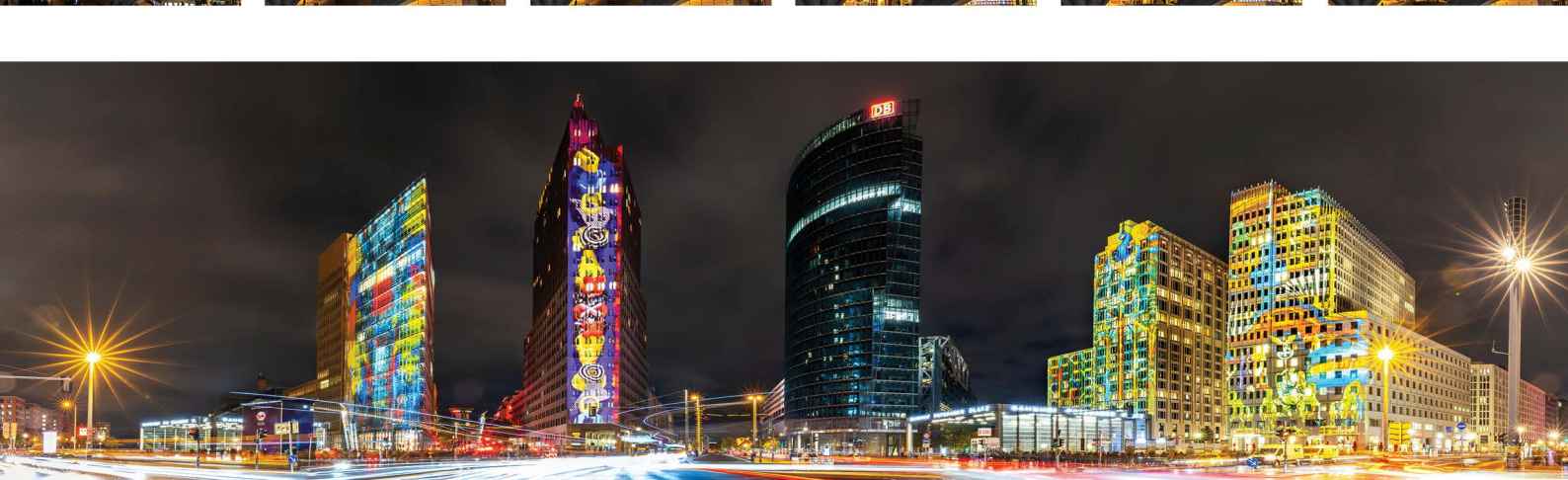


As part of this year's Festival of Lights Awards, Germany's tallest building, the Berlin TV Tower, once again became a spectacular stage for creative light art. Six outstanding artist studios from six countries – Illuminos, Henry Hu, Sabine Burchard & Killian Feusi, Hotaru Visual Guerilla, Pirate Pixie, and Vanessa Cardui – transform the TV Tower into a luminous canvas filled with color, abstract forms, and powerful messages.

Under the theme "Share your Light – Express Yourself", the Berlin TV Tower turns into a stage for avant-garde artworks.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to our partners at Armani beauty, Universal Music and the Digital Agency Berlin.

VIDEO



POTS DAMER PLATZ LIGHTS WILL GUIDE YOU



This year, Potsdamer Platz became a hotspot of light and sound and a veritable symphony of colours. For the first time, a video projection was shown on the Kollhoff Tower. Overall, Potsdamer Platz with its iconic buildings was transformed into an impressive panoramic spectacle, a luminous work of art that visually underscored the modern and creative energy of the location.

This production was complemented by a light and sound scenography in Alte Potsdamer Straße, the Haus Huth Tunnel bathed in neon colours, and a bright red, 4.5-metre-high heart-shaped light sculpture entitled 'WITH L.O.V.E. FROM BERLIN' inside THE PLAYCE. The overall experience at Potsdamer Platz was rounded off by an impressive water fountain show with abstract images on the Piano Lake next to the Musical Theatre.

The Ritz-Carlton, Berlin

Like a guardian of the night, a gigantic peacock unfolded across the façade of The Ritz-Carlton, Berlin on Potsdamer Platz. The magnificent naturalness of its plumage blended with Art Deco elements and the distinctive style of the 1920s, both of which can also be found inside the 5-star hotel.

VIDEO



ART PROJECT „THE HANDS OF BERLIN“ KONZERTHAUS

The Festival of Lights once again illuminates the newly renovated Gendarmenmarkt – with the Konzerthaus Berlin shining as its radiant prologue. The focus was on the art project 'Die Hände Berlins' (The Hands of Berlin): children from the Arche Kinderstiftung, together with children from Berlin primary schools, made a statement of solidarity with colourful handprints and submitted drawings. In total, over 100 children created a collective work of art.

Link for donations:

DIE ARCHE

DAS CENTER AM POTSDAMER PLATZ

The Centre at Potsdamer Platz (formerly Sony Centre) showed a particularly playful side at this year's Festival of Lights: the three luminous fantasy figures 'Howler', 'Snapper' and 'Bezerker' by British artist duo Filthy Luker & Pedro Estrelas brought their humorous, colourful centre art to Berlin. The figures transformed the architecturally sophisticated centre into a magical interplay of light, form and character, delighting not only children.

VIDEO



CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVES OBERBAUM BRIDGE

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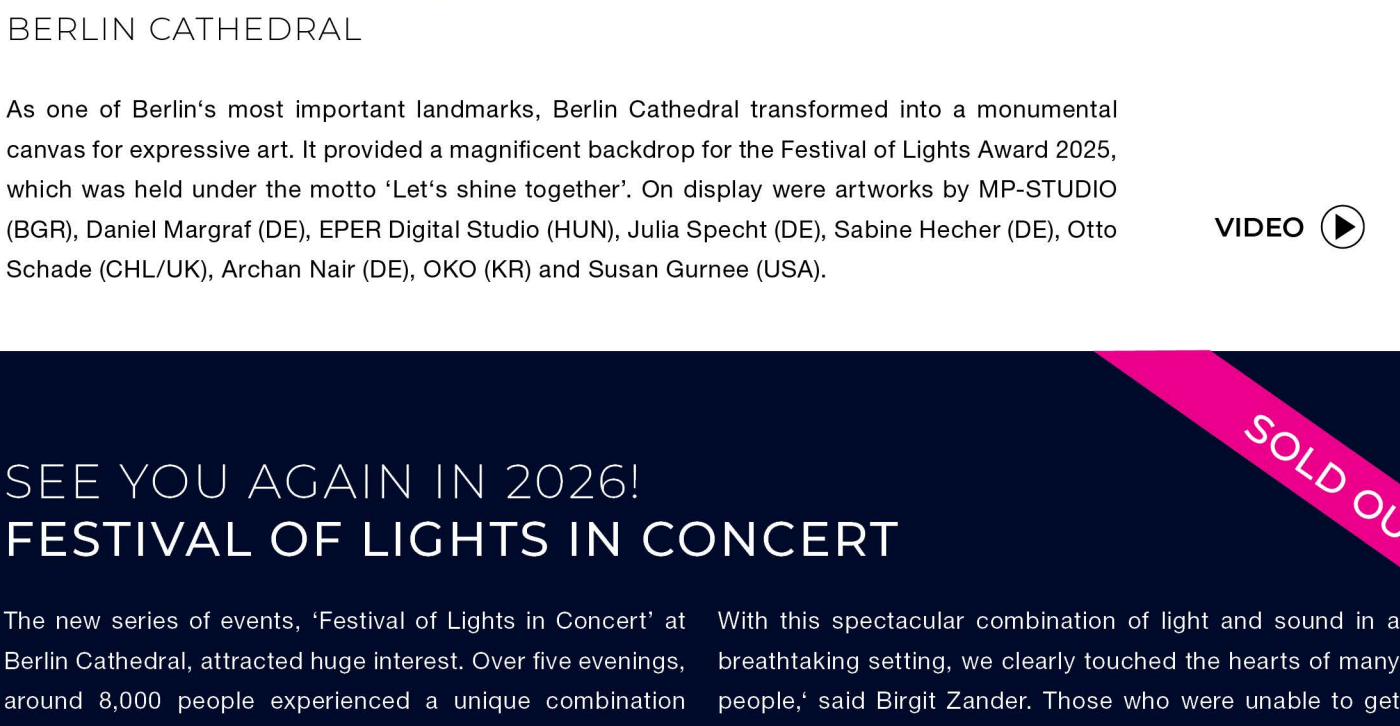
With atmospheric lighting, the striking Oberbaum Bridge became a shining symbol of solidarity. The historic structure shone in new splendour as a place where people, neighbourhoods and cultures connect and come together.



For the first time, students from the Academy of Media Arts Cologne (KHM) brought their own creative ideas to this monumental structure, giving the historic bridge a fresh, contemporary perspective. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Juho Lee, Lejla Demiri, Marzi, Jens Standke, Gwoo, Kim Suheun and Bidisha Das.

This year's light installation at the Oberbaum Bridge were made possible by Universal Pictures.

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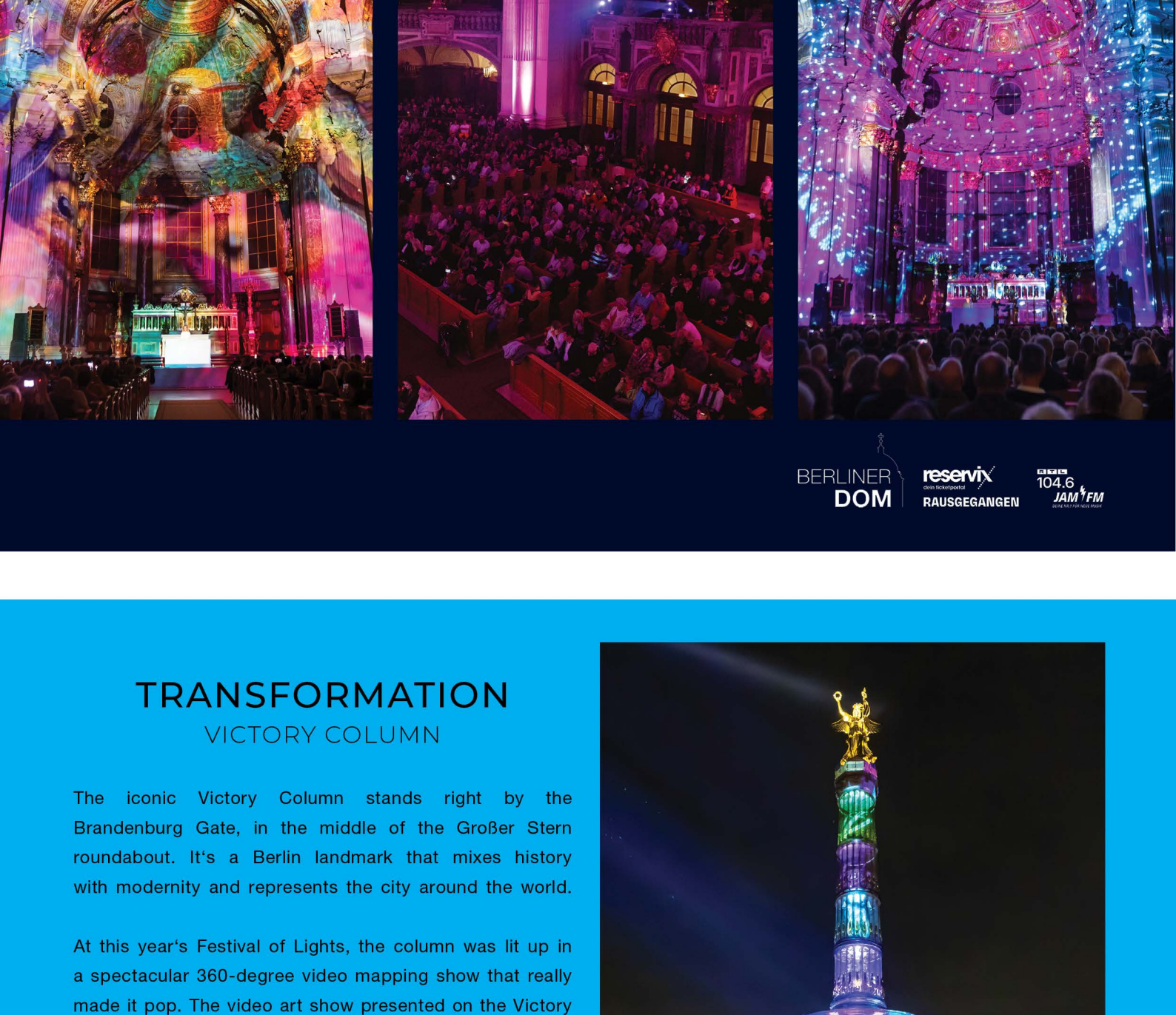


SEE YOU AGAIN IN 2026! FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS IN CONCERT

The new series of events, "Festival of Lights in Concert" at Berlin Cathedral, attracted huge interest. Over five evenings, around 8,000 people experienced a unique combination of three-dimensional light art and atmospheric sounds from world-famous musicians in the monumental interior of the cathedral. 'All events were sold out and ended with enthusiastic applause from the audience.

With this spectacular combination of light and sound in a breathtaking setting, we clearly touched the hearts of many people,' said Birgit Zander. Those who were unable to get a ticket this year can already look forward to next year's Festival of Lights. Due to its great success, 'Festival of Lights in Concert' will be part of the programme at Berlin Cathedral again in 2026 – with new light art and new sounds.

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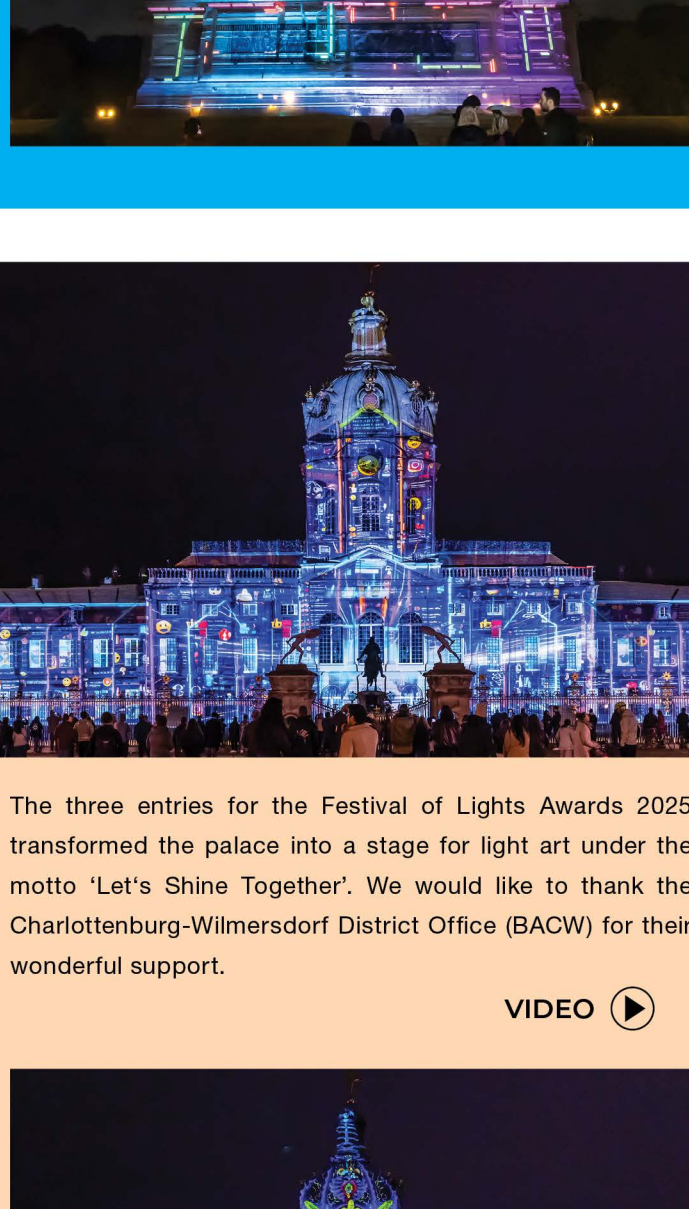


TRANSFORMATION VICTORY COLUMN

The iconic Victory Column stands right by the Brandenburg Gate, in the middle of the Großer Stern roundabout. It's a Berlin landmark that mixes history with modernity and represents the city around the world.

At this year's Festival of Lights, the column was lit up in a spectacular 360-degree video mapping show that really made it pop. The video art show presented on the Victory Column covered transformation in all its facets.

This year's light installation at the Victory Column were made possible by Disney with TRON: ARES and the World Health Summit.

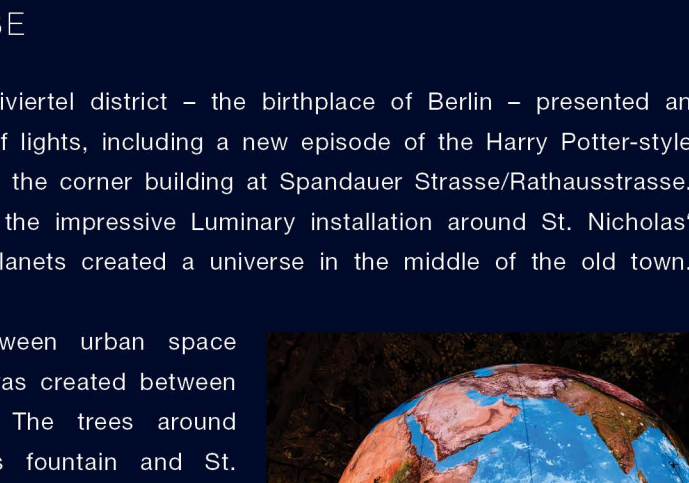


PALACE OF LIGHT AND LOVE CHARLOTTENBURG PALACE

Against the baroque backdrop of Charlottenburg Palace, three international studios presented breathtaking 3D video mappings: The Fox, The Folks from Indonesia, ANIONA VISION from Romania and RE-SORB from Germany.

The three entries for the Festival of Lights Awards 2025 transformed the palace into a stage for light art under the motto 'Let's Shine Together'. We would like to thank the Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf District Office (BACW) for their wonderful support.

VIDEO



NIKOLAIVIERTEL MAGICAL VIBE

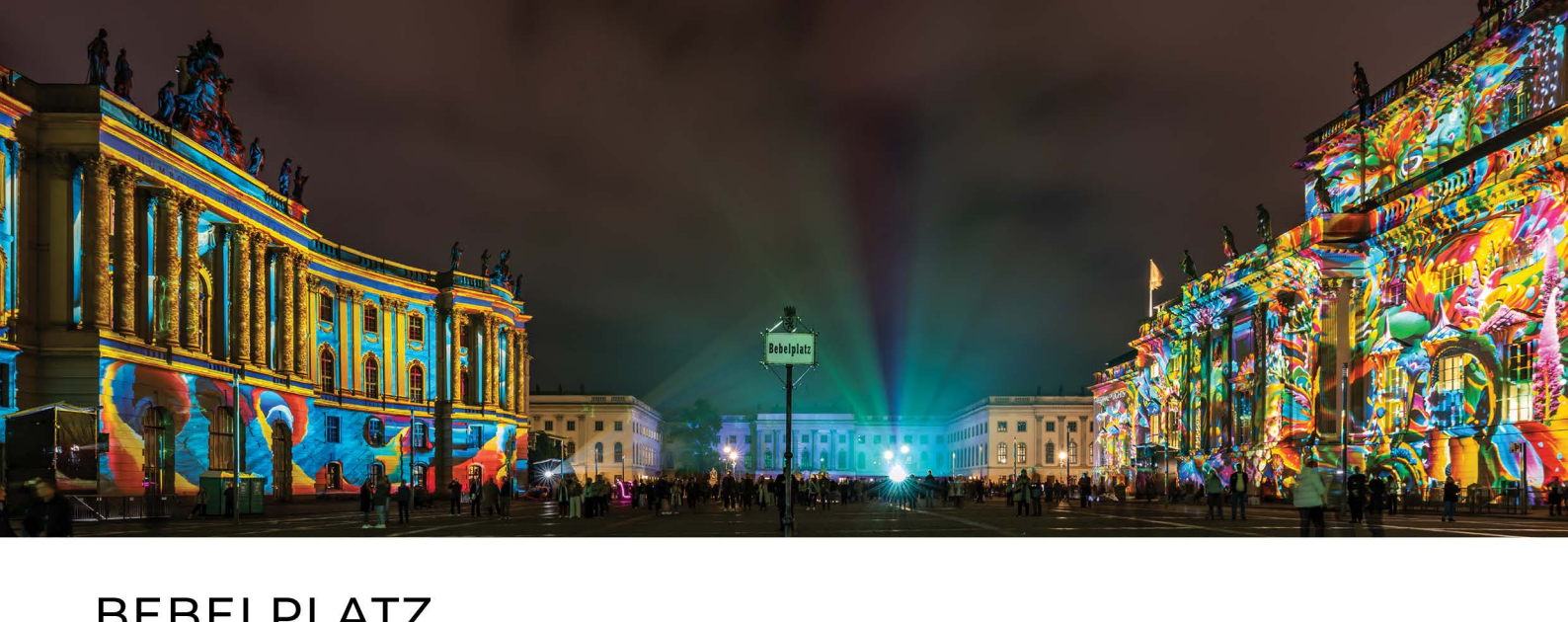
The historic Nikolaiviertel district – the birthplace of Berlin – presented an enchanting world of lights, including a new episode of the Harry Potter-style video projection on the corner building at Spandauer Strasse/Rathausstrasse. One highlight was the impressive Luminary installation around St. Nicholas' Church. Glowing planets created a universe in the middle of the old town.

A connection between urban space and outer space was created between historic buildings. The trees around the coat of arms fountain and St. Nicholas' Church were also artfully illuminated. In combination with the colourful projections on the facades, this resulted in a harmonious ensemble of light art. At the 'Fischer & Lustig' restaurant, a large glowing caterpillar wound its way through the beer garden.

We would like to thank the WBM Wohnungsbau-gesellschaft Berlin-Mitte for their wonderful support.



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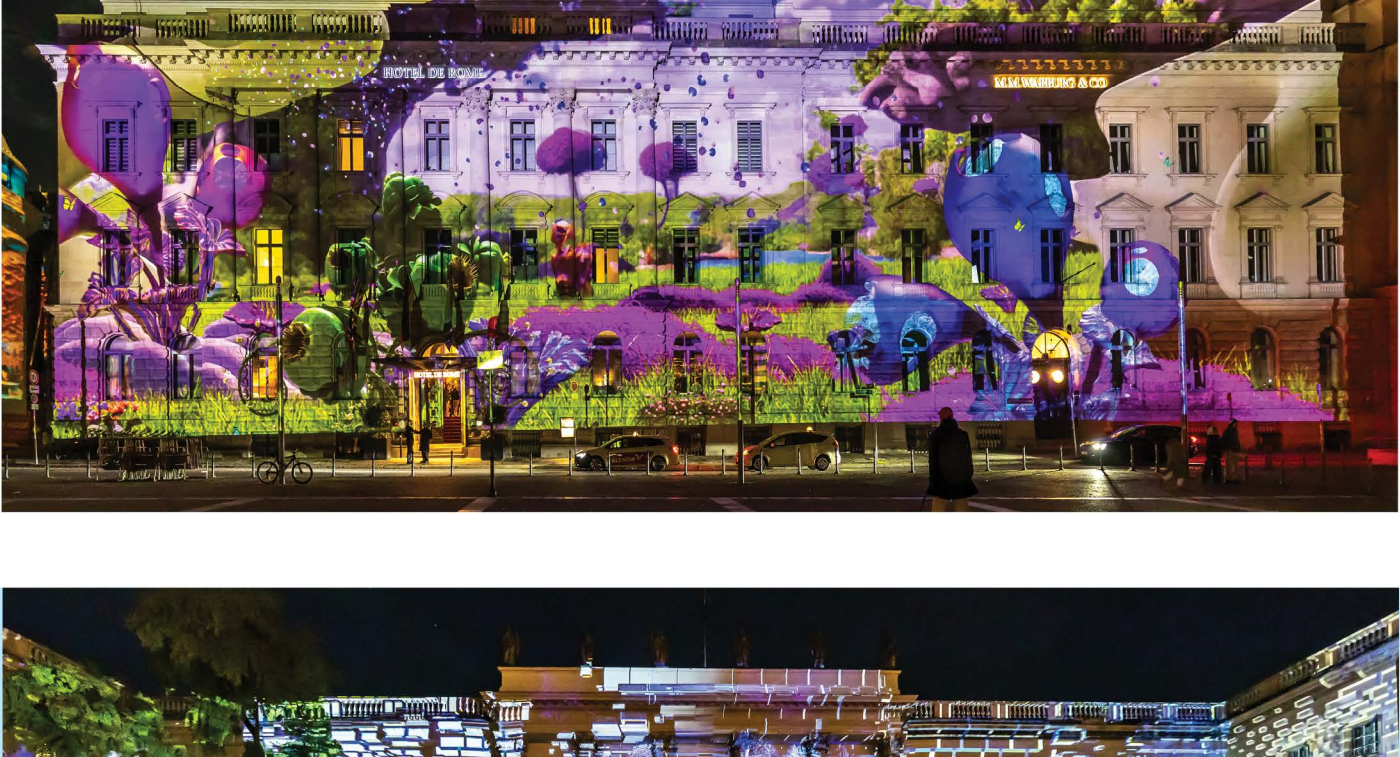
CENTER OF CREATIVE THOUGHTS

This year, Bebelplatz became one of the shining highlights of the Festival of Lights. It was a place where historical architecture and contemporary light art came together in an impressive way. In the pulsating heart of Berlin, a fascinating dialogue between artistic expression and communal experience emerged.

As part of the Bebelplatz Light Orchestra, the Staatsoper Unter den Linden took a special place on the art stage this year. Right next door, St Hedwig's Cathedral, which has been

a meeting place again since its reopening at the end of 2024, became a shining symbol of hope, community and cohesion. The law faculty of Humboldt University, once the Royal Library, also became part of the light art event. With bright colours and dynamic shapes, the historic architecture was transformed as a visual conversation between history and the present.

The light art installation at Bebelplatz were made possible by Armani beauty, KIDDINX and Paramount Pictures.

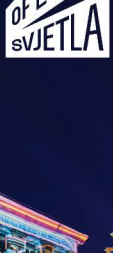


HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN

DROP OF LIGHT

This year, the façade of the historic Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin became a glowing tribute to water – symbol of life and dynamic inspiration for artists worldwide. The façade showed the impressive video show 'Drop of Life. Drop of Light', presented by Zagreb Tourist Board and WWF.

A second video projection was dedicated to the exhibition 'On Water. WasserWissen in Berlin'. The fascinating underwater footage was provided by the Monterey Bay Aquarium for the video projection. From 10 October 2025, the exhibition 'On Water' will showcase current research projects by the Berlin University Alliance (BUA) at the Humboldt Laboratory in the Humboldt Forum.

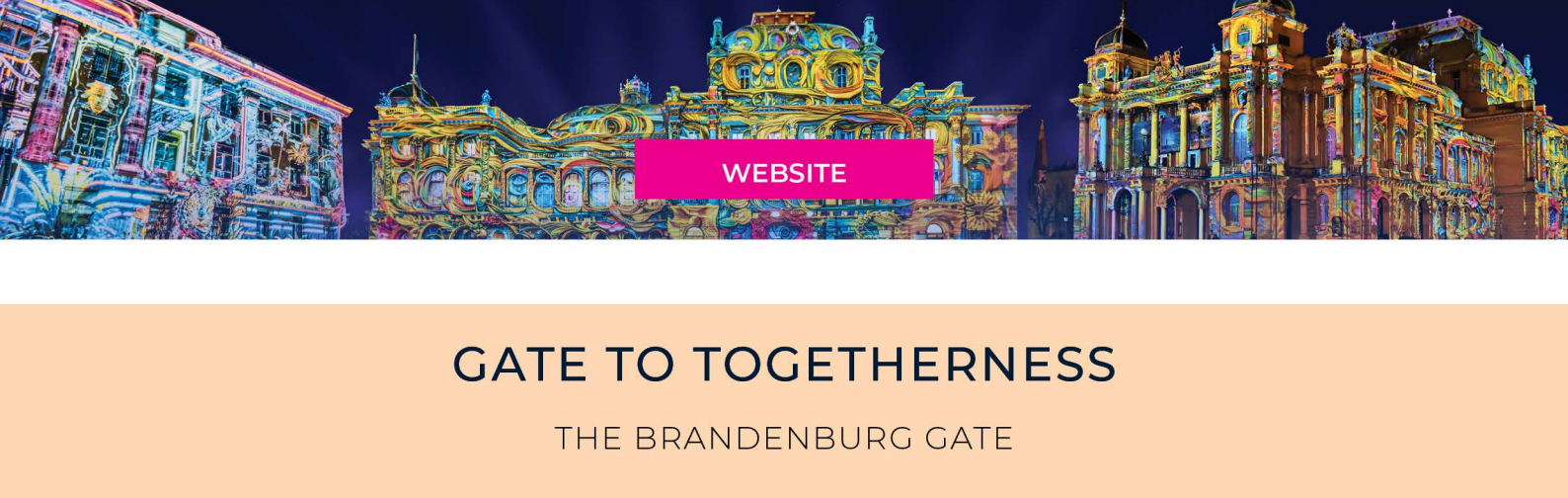


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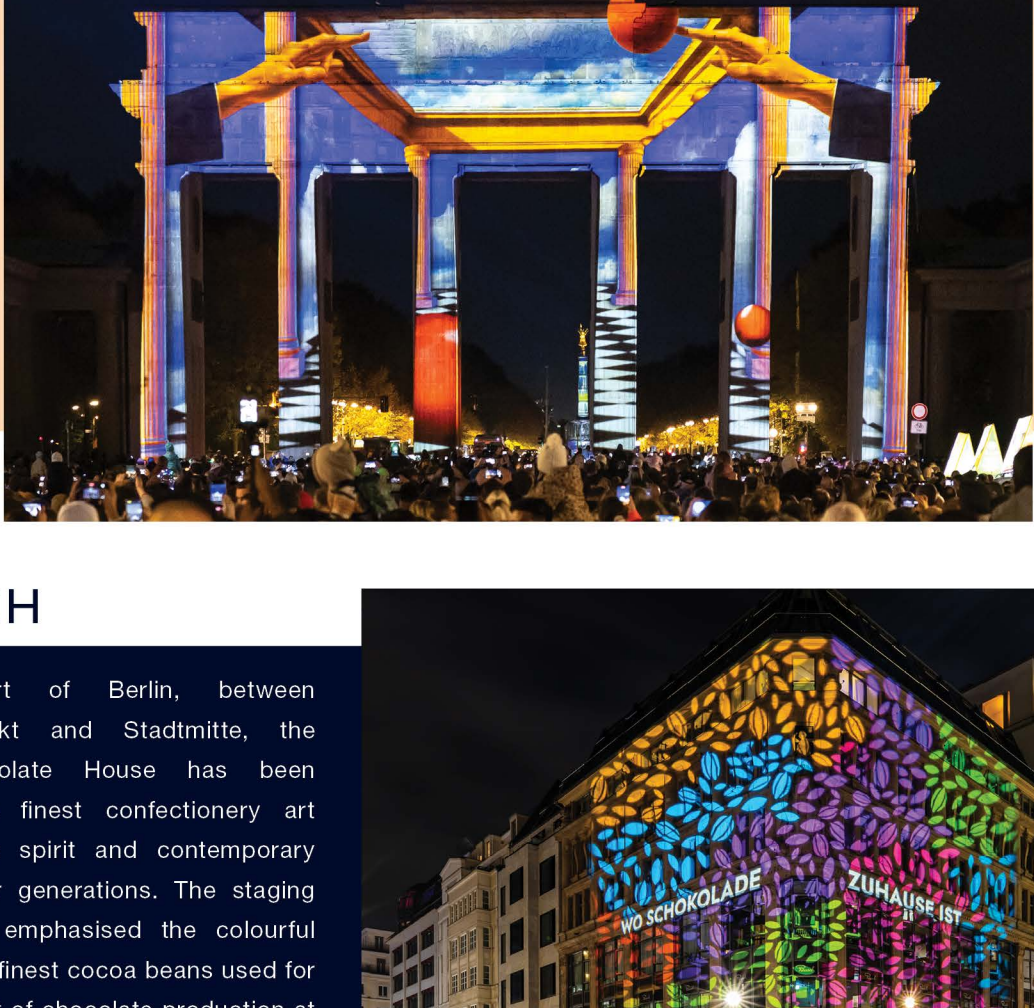
GATE TO TOGETHERNESS

THE BRANDENBURG GATE

At the Festival of Lights 2025, the Brandenburg Gate – Berlin's world-famous landmark – became a dazzling stage for international light art. The three outstanding artists and studios Felix Frank Studio (Germany), Laszlo Zsolt Bordes (Hungary) and PANI PAWLOSKY (Poland) presented

spectacular 3D video mapping shows under this year's motto 'Let's Shine Together'. The Brandenburg Gate became a canvas for their artistic interpretations of community in our time. As a symbol of unity and cohesion, it reminds us how much strength lies in togetherness.

VIDEO 



RAUSCH

In the heart of Berlin, between Gendarmenmarkt and Stadtmitte, the Rausch Chocolate House has been combining the finest confectionery art with innovative spirit and contemporary architecture for generations. The staging of the house emphasised the colourful diversity of the finest cocoa beans used for the artisanal art of chocolate production at the traditional Rausch Chocolate House.



HANDWERKSKAMMER

The Handwerkskammer Berlin building on Mehringdamm was once again part of the Festival of Lights. The video show was dedicated to a major anniversary: it took viewers on an impressive journey through '125 years of Berlin craft history'.

A history full of innovation, tradition and people who have shaped the craft – lively, diverse and forward-looking.



NEW PLACES

ACROSS BERLIN

This year, the festival took place at various locations in Berlin. For example, spectacular displays of artistic light were staged at [Rathauspark Lichtenberg](#), [Platz der Vereinten Nationen](#) and the tiny yet captivating [Dominsel Brandenburg](#) in the heart of [Brandenburg](#).

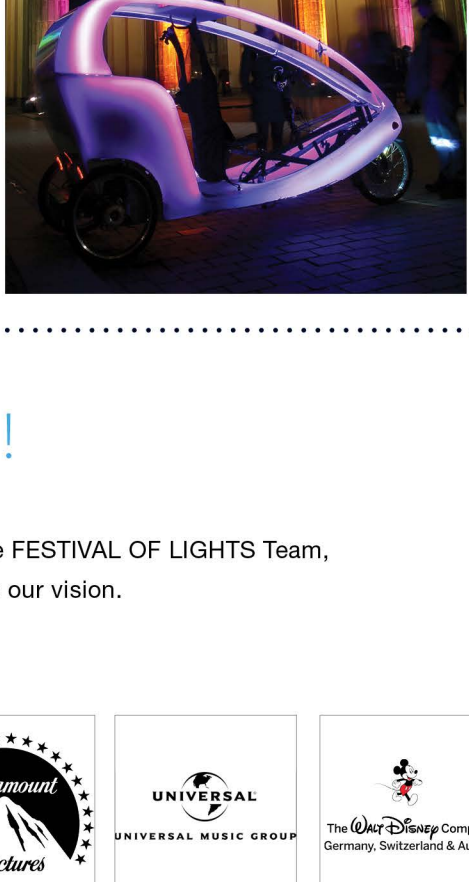
LIGHTSEEING

We would like to thank all our guides and Lightseeing partners for making it possible to experience the most beautiful aspects of the Festival of Lights on guided tours.

Berlin's best guides introduced visitors to the world of light, sharing exciting stories and background information about the artworks that transformed the city into a colourful sea of light.

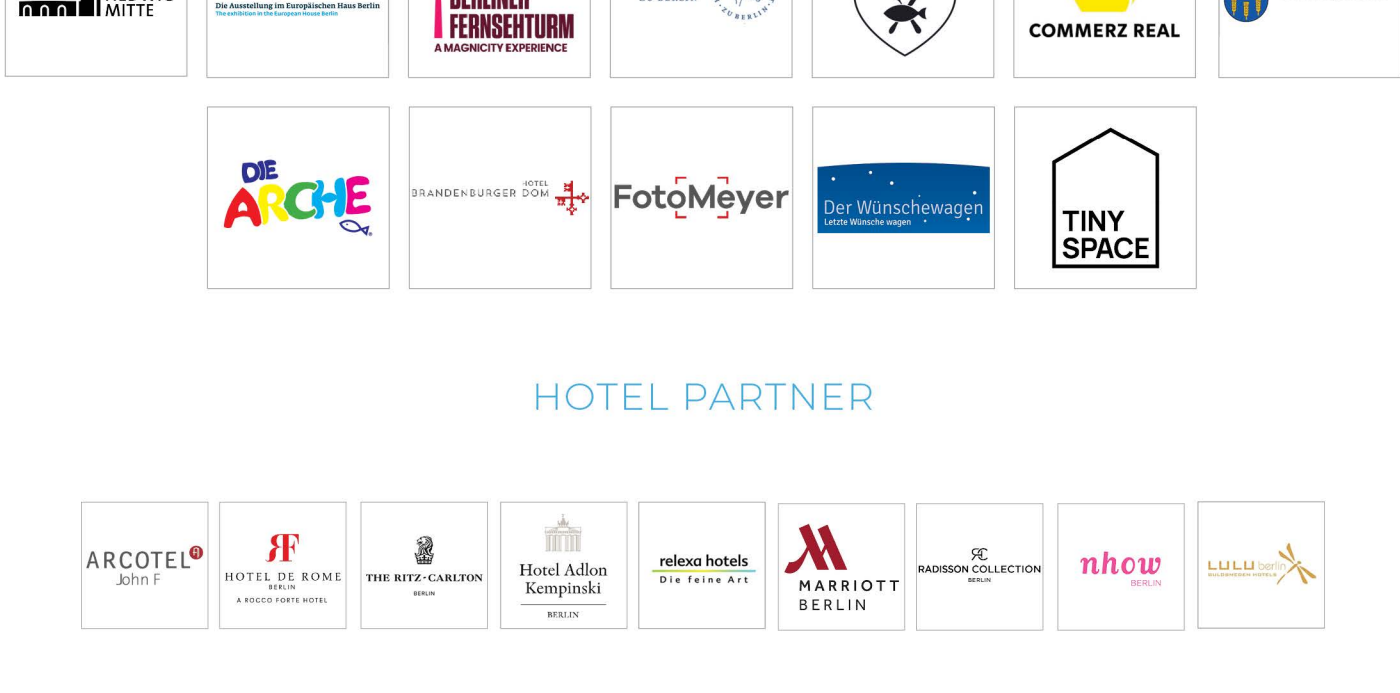
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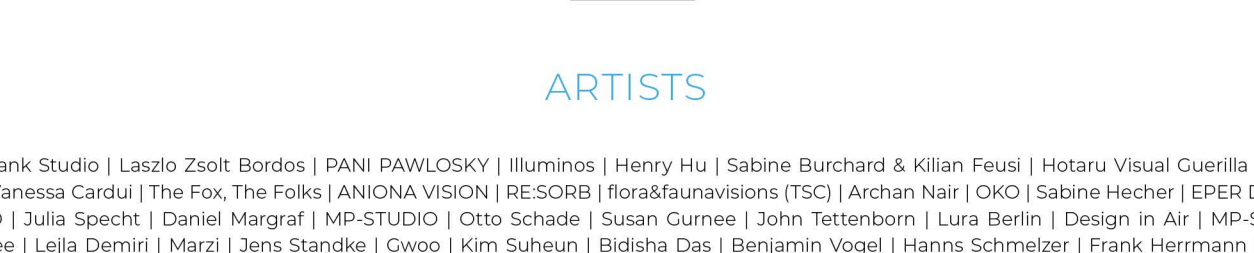


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