

Message

from the Governing Mayor of Berlin, Michael Müller,
for the 17th Festival of Lights
from 3 to 12 September 2021

When summer takes its leave and the days grow shorter again, Berliners know one thing: it's time for the Festival of Lights!

This year we can look forward to what is now the 17th edition of this very popular festival of light art, which is famous far beyond our own borders. Year after year, it captivates Berliners and our city's visitors alike. By illuminating many of the city's landmarks, historic squares, and buildings in brilliant color, artists are literally casting a new light on them. This time around, the Festival of Light has taken the theme "Creating Tomorrow," dedicating itself to science and the future. Visitors can expect stunning compositions and artful staging - freely accessible and scattered throughout the city.

The coronavirus pandemic has forced us to forgo many of the highlights on Berlin's event calendar over the last months. As a result, our city is all the happier to be anticipating shared experiences and encounters.

I would like to thank the organizers and the artists for their commitment, which is making the Festival of Lights possible this year, too. And I would like to wish all of the spectators an exciting new look at our city and a wonderful time discovering the splendid light art of the Festival of Lights.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael Müller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Michael Müller
Governing Mayor of Berlin