



## **Press Release: Fête de la Musique 2023**

**The Special Olympics World Games stages at the Fête de la Musique: Breakdance Battle, HipHop and Tropical Bass and much more at the Brandenburger Tor and Neptunbrunnen // Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg is partner district 2023 - 34 locations and a Zero Waste concept.**

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### **Fête de la Musique Berlin cooperates with the Special Olympic World Games**

The Special Olympics stage at the Brandenburg Gate will become a dance floor for hip-hop, breakdance and tropical bass when the Fête de la Musique, the Special Olympics World Games, the Institut Français Germany and the cultural center La Place (Paris) invite to a breakdance battle and a big inclusive party with free admission on June 21. Eight dancers from France and Germany will compete in the Breakdance Battle, accompanied by two DJs. Immediately after the winners' ceremony, Graf Fidi, an eloquent and self-confident rapper in a wheelchair, will play before the Tropical Bass collective La Byle invites you to the party with Baile Funk, Afro House and HipHop for the grand finale. The evening will be opened by Joe Chialo, Senator for Culture and Social Cohesion, and Emmanuel Cohet, First Envoy of the Embassy of France in Germany.

Music and sports belong together. This is impressively demonstrated again on June 21, when the Fête de la Musique will be allowed to play the stages of the Special Olympics World Games, the 16th International Summer Games of the Special Olympics from June 17 to 25, 2023. On the stage at the Brandenburger Tor, there will be a spectacular concert and breakdance program, which will also involve many partners from France. The mother country of the Fête de la Musique, with its capital Paris, will host the Olympic Games and the Paralympics next year, where breakdance will be an official Olympic discipline for the first time. The breakdance competition "Battle Exhibition" is a project of the Institut Français Germany in partnership with the Musicboard Berlin, the Fête de la Musique Berlin and the Special Olympics World Games. The project is supported by the Franco-German Civic Fund, the City of Paris and the Institut Français Paris.

#### **The program at Brandenburger Tor:**

Breakdance Battle: with the dancers: Pastel, Boubou, B Boy Luka, Viola, Chau-Lin, Queen, Rayboom, B Girl Jilou and Playmo. The DJs are Zeenom and Just A Kid. Curation: Centre Culturel La Place & the dancer/choreographer Antoinette Gomis (Madonna among others). Live: Count Fidi - Inclusion ambassador, singer & songwriter, presenter and speaker with the motto: "I'll do it with my left hand" (guests Kevin Flemmin & Verena Bonnkirch). La By'le - Tropical Bass Music mixed with Baile Funk, Afro House and Hip-Hop elements.

#### **The program on the Special Olympics Culture Stage at Neptunbrunnen:**

Larifari play children's music, the inclusive project Kajubayda, songwriter Another Nguyen and pop rapper Kerfor perform, as do singer and activist Anica Russo and the Colombian roots-electro project Gotopo.



## **Back to the roots: Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg is this year's partner district**

With 34 official music venues, Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg 2023 is the district with the highest musical density during the Fête de la Musique - and that has a tradition: Because already since 1996, when the Fête de la Musique had its premiere in Berlin as a decentralized event, the district vibrates and shimmers on the longest day of the year. With the variety of venues, musical acts, spontaneous street music experiences, but also with its comprehensive sustainability strategy, Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg will set an example as a partner district of the Fête de la Musique 2023.

The double district is the most densely populated in Berlin, the one with the most tourists, the most clubs and the highest number of nationalities among its residents and guests - 24/7, 365 days a year. On June 21, it shows its best side and also presents events in lesser-known places like Kurt's Späti in Blücherstraße, the Kleiderei in Oranienstraße or the Panenka Trink-Lokal in Weichselstraße. In addition, the district is an important partner for the Greener Fête de la Musique project with sustainable venues like Nowhere and its zero-waste strategy.

"As a European music festival, the Fête de la Musique is a cultural highlight every summer and brings music and sounds to our city," says district mayor Clara Herrmann. "Berlin is one of more than 300 European cities where June 21 is dedicated to music. Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg is the official partner district of the Fête de la Musique this year. And I'm looking forward to many smaller gigs and bigger concerts that showcase Xhain's lively and colorful neighborhood culture. A great opportunity for artists, bands and choirs from the district to present themselves to a wide audience. Everyone is invited to join in the music," the district mayor continued. *"Together, we are putting the focus on sustainability at the Fête de la Musique. The musical celebration will be even more environmentally friendly and climate-friendly. This way, making music together is even more fun and enjoyable for young and old!"*

With its 34 music venues, Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg is not only well represented in terms of numbers this year - the diversity of the venues and the people and concepts behind them is also absolutely exemplary for the diversity of the Fête de la Musique, in which everyone who feels like music is allowed to participate. From established clubs like Gretchen with its great block party, Sage Beach, Yaam, Renate or Ritter Butzke to the two concert churches (Passionskirche and Heilig-Kreuz-Kirche), the RAW area with the House of Music to neighborhood initiatives and social projects, the program is as colorful as the district. Examples include the Inklusive Manufaktur, the Bürgergarten Laskerwiese, the mog61 stage (Miteinander ohne Grenzen e. V.), the neighborhood house

Urbanstraße neighborhood house or the Naunynritze. And Golgatha in Viktoriapark, which has probably not missed a Fête de la Musique since 1997, is a perennial favorite anyway.

The entire program of the partner district as well as that of all other districts can be viewed on the program page of the Fête de la Musique using the filter function:

<https://www.fetedelamusique.de/programm/> .



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The detailed Zero-Waste concept can be found here: <https://www.berlin.de/ba-friedrichshain-kreuzberg/politik-und-verwaltung/beauftragte/entwicklungspolitik-und-nachhaltigkeit/artikel.892709.php>

All information about the reusable project can be found here: <https://www.berlin.de/ba-friedrichshain-kreuzberg/politik-und-verwaltung/beauftragte/entwicklungspolitik-und-nachhaltigkeit/zero-waste/artikel.1221491.php>

The Fête de la Musique is an event organized by the state of Berlin. The Senate Department for Culture and Social Cohesion commissions the state-owned Musicboard Berlin GmbH with the organization.

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