

I. Giant update

Newsletter on the theatre spectacle "The Giants Arrive" | August 24, 2009

Berlin awaits the Giants to mark the anniversary of the fall of the Wall

Special boats to the Giants, hotel arrangements for a "gigantic weekend" and new features on the Giants' homepage tell of the arrival of the Giants.



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"I give the people dreams, nothing more. This is a story for the heart and at the same time a story about humanity."

(Jean Luc Courcoult, artistic director Royal de Luxe)

A fairytale for Berlin

When the Small Giantess travels through central Berlin with her ocean-going boat for three days in October and is finally reunited with her uncle, the Big Giant, at the Brandenburg Gate, both have overcome a decades-long separation and the division of their land, which has been torn apart by monsters. The French street theatre company **Royal de Luxe** tells a story about the division of Berlin and the peaceful revolution of 1989 not as a political story but as a poetic fairytale – *"an October fairytale for Berlin"* (Brigitte Fürle, artistic director spielzeit'europa).

From **October 1 to October 4, 2009** the two giant figures will commemorate the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall with an open air festival at the invitation of spielzeit'europa, the Berliner Festspiele's theatre and dance season. The residents of Berlin and their guests from around the world are cordially invited to accompany the Giants on their journey through the German capital and to celebrate the anniversary with them.

A weekend with the Giants in Berlin

Anyone making a special trip to experience this unique event can find a range of special deals in all price categories for a Giants' weekend in Berlin at www.riesen-in-berlin.de/service. From a Francophile three-course menu to an organic giant breakfast buffet including a Berlin city map, Berliner Verkehrsbetriebe (BVG) day ticket for public transport or a Berlin commemorative coin, the hotels partnering the Giants' spectacle to mark German Unity Day are offering **special deals**. All the hotels are located close to the route, making it

easy to walk to see the Giants on their journey through Berlin on each of the days. Our partner hotels include Estrel Hotel Berlin, Etap Hotel Berlin Potsdamer Platz, Grand Hyatt Berlin, Hôtel Concorde, Hotel ibis Berlin Potsdamer Platz, Maritim proArte Hotel Berlin, Ramada Hotels Berlin, Suite Hotel Potsdamer Platz and Swissôtel Berlin.

A boat trip to the Giants

The spectacle can be experienced at close quarters on exclusive **special boat trips** organized by the **Reederei Riedel shipping company**, which accompany the Giants with their boats on the River Spree. Passengers will enjoy box seats when the Big Giant emerges from Humboldt Harbor near Berlin Central Station on October 3 in a deep-sea diver suit. Riedel boats will also accompany both Giants out of the city as they leave Berlin in a boat again after their happy parade through Tiergarten Park. For further information visit www.reederei-riedel.de.

The Giants online: New features on www.riesen-in-berlin.de

Anyone wishing to get to know the Giants interactively can become a member of the Giant online community at one click on www.riesen-in-berlin.de. Here, registered users can stay up to date with the latest Giant-related news, upload photos and videos, take part in votes, and share experiences and expectations of the Giants with other Giant fans. And anyone wishing to invite their friends from around the world to the Giant spectacular can send an e-card and show them the new digital picture book by Royal de Luxe. This community was created in cooperation with CTS Eventim. Giants' fans can also stay informed with the latest Giants news via Twitter or watch the video trailer on YouTube.

For more information and images visit www.riesen-in-berlin.de.

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