

A wide-ranging programme of cultural events throughout Euro 2024 – the FUSSBALLKULTURSOMMER will take place at the Fan Zone Berlin and across the city. Made by many – to be enjoyed by all.

Berlin, 7 June 2024. Berlin is ready to get the ball rolling! The official Host City is gearing up to make a sporting start to the UEFA EURO 2024 in exactly one week's time. In addition to traditional public viewing opportunities, the capital will offer an extensive programme of cultural events reflecting Berlin's diversity and taking place at the Brandenburg Gate Fan Zone, the Reichstag Fan Zone as well as throughout the entire city.

Berlin will launch its FUSSBALLKULTURSOMMER, a programme of cultural events, two days before the official launch of Euro 2024 in Munich. On 12 June, the grand opening show at the Brandenburg Gate will mimic the structure of a football match and include performances by Berlin rapper Luciano, the PxP Allstars live band together with The Voice Kids coach and Latin Pop star Alvaro Soler, Berlin singer Elif and Leony, one of the singers of the official UEFA EURO 2024 song. The half-time break will feature a dance performance by French choreographer Sadeck Berrabah. Hadnet Tesfai will act as host and moderator. The show will get underway at around 7:30 pm (doors open at 4 pm) and admission is free.

Joe Chialo, Berlin Senator for Culture and Social Cohesion: "During these four weeks, we're going to showcase the cultural diversity that makes Berlin what it is today! All over the city, from our central neighbourhoods to our outlying districts, we're eager to show that culture is creative, combative and always able to make us think. I'm looking forward to some wonderful days filled with football and culture in Berlin!"

In cooperation with several Berlin-based cultural institutions and partners, Kulturprojekte Berlin will present the FUSSBALLKULTURSOMMER programme at the two Fan Zones and throughout the entire city. For one whole month, the FUSSBALLKULTURSOMMER will bring the themes of fan culture and football to all Berlin neighbourhoods in the form of cultural events that are both open-air and free-of-charge. Among the partners contributing to the programme are the following: Alte Münze, Literaturhaus Berlin, Vitsche e.V., ATZE Musiktheater, Ballhaus Ost, Kulturforum, Else, Fête de la Musique, Holzmarkt 25 Berlin, Stadtbibliothek Lichtenberg, Theater unterm Dach, Ballhaus Wedding, Floating University, Berlinische Galerie, Hamburger Bahnhof, Maxim Gorki Theater, 48h Neukölln, Humboldt Forum, Büro Döring/ Campus für Demokratie, Gedenkstätte Hohenschönhausen, Haus der Statistik, Kunstraum Kreuzberg, Brotfabrik, Mince e.V., Die Pyromantiker, Tanzkomplizen, TD Berlin, Staatsoper, Ramba Zamba Theater, Ymusic, Berliner Festspiele, Cashmere Radio, Grotest Maru, Labyrinth Kindermuseum and many more.

**Kulturprojekte Berlin CEO Moritz van Dülmen:** "We're delighted to be able to bring Berlin's cultural community together once again for this major international event, just as we've done in the past with the KULTURSOMMERFESTIVAL. This time, we're also working in tandem with the sport community to be able to transport our FUSSBALLKULTURSOMMER to sites throughout the city. We hope to give everyone – even people who don't consider themselves to be football fans – the opportunity to get to know our city from a different perspective".

In addition to providing traditional public viewing opportunities, the Fan Zone Berlin will also play host to **DJ sets, performances, readings, concerts, exhibitions and workshops** as part of the FUSSBALLKULTURSOMMER. The selection of events will be organised around the football matches scheduled on that day. On the nine days where no matches are being played, visitors to the UEFA EURO 2024 will have access to a continuous programme of events offered by local Berlin cultural organisations and cooperation partners, each of whom was invited to curate and organise a multifaceted line-up of events specifically for non-match days at the Fan Zone Reichstag. The resulting programme promises to be highly diverse, with various participants exploring the theme of football from different perspectives and some even re-imagining the sport completely.

- All "Theme Days" at a glance:
- 27 June Beyond Istanbul; DJ Ipek & Team
- 28 June 3rd Pride Month Berlin Opening Ceremony; Berliner CSD e.V. & Queens Against Borders
- 3 July TBD; curated by Book of Raw
- 4 July TBD; curated by Trevor Silverstein
- 7 July Family and culture arena on the Reichstag lawn; Brotfabrik
- 8 July Future Day: Sustainability Action Day organised by the Future League; act.green on behalf of the Berlin Senate of the Interior and Sport
- 11 July The world is round! Discover Europe with football and film; Festiwelt e.V. & On Screen
- 12 July Lick It Like Beckham; RambaZamba Theater
- 13 July TBD; curated by Piranha Arts, among others

On those days where no public viewing is taking place (JUNE 13, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 27 and 28 and JULY 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12 and 13), the park area at the **Fan Zone Brandenburg Gate** will be open from 8 am to midnight for anyone who wants to take a stroll, sit down and relax or kick the ball around. On five evenings, the site will also function as a venue for a **summer cinema** series hosted by radioeins film critic Knut Elstermann and guests. The dates for the film screenings are the following:

- 16 June Das Wunder von Bern (The Miracle of Bern)
- 20 June Fever Pitch
- 27 June Kick it like Beckham
- 4 July Der ganz große Traum (Lessons of a Dream)
- 8 July Elf Mal Morgen (Eleven Tomorrows)
- All films will be shown at 8 pm in German with English subtitles

## All events associated with the FUSSBALLKULTURSOMMER:

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