



## Press Release

### Waldbuehne Berlin: record season 2016

**330.000 visitors | 18 events, ten of which sold out | Waldbuehne ranked third in worldwide 2016 half year-ranking | Many highlights announced for 2017**

Berlin, 14. October 2016: the Waldbuehne Berlin reached new record numbers this year with 330.000 visitors and ten sold out events. With a total of 18 event days, Europe's most beautiful open air amphitheatre offered a multi-faceted high class program. Top-Acts like Paul McCartney, Sting, Neil Young, Herbert Groenemeyer and rock legends Puhdys + City + Karat and many more afforded the visitors some unforgettable evenings at mostly dry summer weather.

Especially for rock fans the Waldbuehne Berlin had major highlights to offer: heavy metal gods Iron Maiden excited more than 22.000 fans on 31 May in a unique setting at their 150th German concert. Followed by the sold-out concert of the final Black Sabbath Tour on 8 June, one of the most legendary bands of rock history, who fired up the audience. One of the highlights this season were the three sold-out gigs by Rammstein, who played the Waldbuehne for the first time ever and in their hometown Berlin excited more than 65.000 fans with a gigantic show.

At the sold-out charity festival "PEACE x PEACE – Your Voice For Children!" on 5 June, German und international top-acts collected donations for children growing up amid war or as refugees. Bands included Seeed, Beatsteaks and Namika as well as the P x P Allstars band specially formed for the festival by Max Herre, Joy Denalane, Patrice, Clueso, Megaloh, Afrob and Samy Deluxe.

A classical highlight at the Waldbuehne was the traditional season closing concert of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra with star conductor Yannick Nézet-Séguin on 26 June, a mild

summer night. Some days later, Daniel Barenboim and the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra wowed their audience together with star pianist Martha Argerich in the perfect setting of the illuminated Waldbuehne.

Again this year, the Taschenlampenkonzert (torchlight concert, 24 September) with the band Rumpelstil finished the great Waldbuehne season. For the 18th time in succession, the young and old visitors sang and celebrated in a sea of lights in the sold-out venue.

Europe's leading ticketing company CTS EVENTIM, who is running the Waldbuehne Berlin since 2009, is delighted about the positive development. "We are proud of having established the Waldbuehne Berlin as the leading European open-air-location for fans as well as for promoters and artists. And we were particularly pleased that in 2016 the Waldbuehne once again is the only German venue in Pollstar's worldwide "TOP 50 Amphitheatre Venues" ranking and that we even made third place in this year's half-year-ranking", said Senior Vice President Rainer Appel.

The outlook for the next year is promising: the kick-off in 2017 will be on 3 June with Udo Lindenberg and his tour "Stärker als die Zeit". One day later exceptional artist Ludovico Einaudi will play his only open-air-concert 2017 in Germany. Another highlight: Anna Netrebko & Yusif Eyvazov, the dream team of classic, will give a concert together at the Waldbuehne Berlin on 31 August 2016.

In addition, for 2017 are already announced: Schlagernacht des Jahres (17 June), Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra (1 July), Mario Barth (8 July), Daniel Barenboim and the West Eastern Divan Orchestra (13 August) and Dieter Thomas Kuhn & band (10 August). Tickets are available for all shows at [www.eventim.de](http://www.eventim.de).

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