

PRESS INFORMATION

Half a million guests in a single year's season – Friedrichstadt-Palast welcomes the 500,000th visitor to its blockbuster show 'Yma'

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A special guest took a seat at today's performance of the blockbuster show 'Yma – too beautiful to be true.' Since its opening on September 2, 2010, half a million visitors have been wowed by seductive Yma; and Anika Kossatz of Blankenfelde (near Berlin) was its 500,000th visitor.

Dr. Berndt Schmidt, artistic director of Friedrichstadt-Palast, comments: "We already guessed after the opening night that Yma would be a very big success, but this momentum truly throws us for a loop. Ticket sales and countless positive feedback from our guests show that we've been pushing the right buttons. That takes a huge load off of me and yet sets the bar quite a bit higher for future productions!"

For now, Yma will still be taking her guests along on her journey through modern, ecstatic and passionate visual worlds until November 5, 2011. Then Friedrichstadt-Palast will see some remodeling to prepare for the most magnificent Christmas show ever seen at the theater at 107 Friedrichstrasse. Starting with its world premiere on November 24, 2011 (previews start on November 18), 'berlin ILLUMINATED – the heartwarming Christmas show' will let the child at the heart of all guests embark on the search for a White Christmas. The snow faerie will lead them through wondrous images of Christmas and at the end fulfill their dream: The entire auditorium will be covered in snow for the grand finale.

This world premiere will also welcome back Anika Kossatz, because this evening she received a gift certificate for two premiere tickets including an extended weekend stay at the Meliá Hotel in Berlin, hairstyling at the salon of star stylist Dennis Creutzberg, a visit to Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum, a Berlin WelcomeCard ticket issued by visitBerlin, as well as airplane tickets for her flight with airberlin.

The candidate most likely to accompany her during that weekend will surely be her friend Charlene Eichler, who only gave her the ticket yesterday for her 19th birthday and today was the theater's 500,001st visitor.

'Yma – too beautiful to be true' will be shown again starting December 30.