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Family show 'berlin ERLEUCHTET': the highly acclaimed reopening premiere at the Friedrichstadt-Palast

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Photo: Robert Grischek

After the completely sold out first night in 2011, 'berlin ERLEUCHTET', the most lavish seasonal show in Germany, celebrated its highly acclaimed reopening premiere on 10 November 2013 at the Friedrichstadt-Palast. 'berlin ERLEUCHTET' will run until 2nd February 2014. With over 100 artists, it will be shown a total of 95 times.

Along with their cuddly toy rabbit which has suddenly come to life, young Paul or Paula (a boy or girl according to the cast on the night) sets off on an exciting journey through the magical winter wonderland to turn their dream of a white winter into a reality. There they meet innocent fir trees, angels, reindeer and countless snowmen. Sadly the temperature is rising, and, to begin with, the winter wonderland proves difficult to find. But, ultimately, everything is possible during the dark winter months.

The puppeteer Bodo Schulte developed Fritze the snow bunny especially for 'berlin ERLEUCHTET'. Schulte is known to many as Capt. Blaubär on ARD, or as the cult figure Bert in the 'Sesame Street' series.

'berlin ERLEUCHTET' captivates audiences with its constant rotation of impressive stage designs, as well as one of the highest costume budgets in the German-speaking world, highly visual experiences, and plenty of attention to detail. This means that the audience

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encounters, amongst other things, dancers from the international ballet company in the form of elegant and sensuous reindeer with beautiful antlers.

The two-hour show is musically led by the powerful and warm voices of soloists Amber Schoop as Fee ('fairy'), and David-Michael Johnson as Traumbringer ('dreambringer') . Like a gleaming shooting star, Amber Schoop – in a breathtaking glittery dress – hovers on a 30-metre long cord above the biggest theatre stage in the world.

The family show shines not least through its exhilarating acrobatic and dance scenes. The eight members of the world famous 'Hebei Acrobatic Troupe' combine the creativity and cheerfulness of the young with the wealth of experience of the older generation to create a spectacular new Perch on Balls performance.

The audience watches Valerie Intertie with great excitement. Both with and on the Cyr Wheel, the Canadian combines elegant movements with powerful elements of full body tension to create a dance sequence which is distinguished by its sense of breeziness and poetry. Valerie Intertie was also awarded the prestigious Silver Clown for her art at the International Circus Festival in Monte Carlo.

In acrylic spheres which open up at the bottom, the eleven Romanian artists of the 'Almas Troupe' glide across the vast stage like angels, and enchant the audience with a unique mixture of air acrobatics and dance. And let's not forget the Friedrichstadt-Palast's own ballet ensemble made up of 60 ballerinas who perform lively dances amidst the winter fantasy.

When nutcrackers meet tin soldiers, and glistening brilliance intermingles with fairy dust, the East End theatre quarter is once more illuminated and transformed into hottest Winter-dream quarter in Berlin. This year, the winter edition of the show can be seen in November and January, and the magical Christmas edition can be seen in December.

For the fabulously festive finale, the stage and the entire auditorium, along with its 1,895 audience members, is immersed in a breathtaking flurry of paper snow. A truly incredible 'wow' moment for children and adults alike.

No matter what the winter's like outside, inside the Friedrichstadt-Palast there is a blanket of glistening snow. That's a promise.

For more information about 'berlin ERLEUCHTET', visit:
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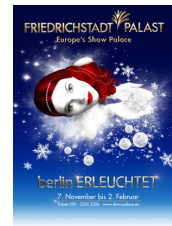
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