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THE ONE Grand Show celebrates its World
Premiere in Berlin

Berlin, 6 October 2016



At this very moment, almost 2,000 guests are celebrating the show premiere of the year at the Friedrichstadt-Palast Berlin, which is sold out to the very last seat. The guests of the twelve preview shows at Germany's largest, best known entertainment theatre showed their resounding approval for THE ONE Grand Show with lengthy applause, cheering and standing ovations.

This comes as no surprise, for the new production's dimensions are simply phenomenal: more than 100 artists from 26 nations on the world's biggest theatre stage, a production budget of over eleven million euros, and 500 outrageous costumes by the world star of Parisian haute couture, Jean Paul Gaultier.

For Gaultier, a lifelong dream will become a reality tonight: "With THE ONE Grand Show, my creations come to life in an amazing way. Everything is there: the craftsmanship of the ateliers, the skill and art of the dancers and artists, the wisdom of the director, the whole theatre is 'The One'."

The Grand Show is a highly artistic production bearing the signature of showmaker, Roland Welke. Lavish splendour alternates with serene, poetic and surreal moments. The spectacular lighting design is by Emmy Award winner, Peter Morse, who has previously worked for stars of the likes of Michael Jackson, Madonna, Barbra Streisand and Bette Midler.

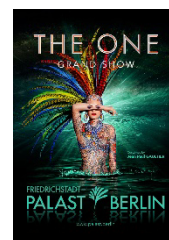
During the show, an underground party rouses an abandoned revue theatre from a deep sleep. A partygoer (played by Echo Award winner, Roman Lob) loses himself in the magical aura of this place. The former theatre director (Brigitte Oelke)

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rekindles times past in his mind's eye. Past and present blur in a waking dream. The young man increasingly senses a longing for the person in life that means everything to us – THE ONE.

Among those attending tonight's glamorous World Premiere are Jean Paul Gaultier, Iris Berben, Stuart Fenegan, Nina Hagen, Marius Müller-Westernhagen, Michael Müller, Conchita Wurst, Nana Mouskouri, Amanda Lear, Michi Beck, Craig Revel Horwood, Katja Flint, Gregor Meyle, Guido Maria Kretschmer, Joelina Drews, Klaus Wowereit, Eveline Hall, Frank Elstner, Roman Lob, Jette Joop, Sarah Knappik, Peter Morse, Olivia Jones, Nikeata Thompson, Elena Carriere, Eberhard Diepgen, Mia, Cassandra Steen, Frans Zimmer, Sebastian Koch, Chloé Bernard, Katrin Bauernfeind, Christian Tews, Dr. Hermann Bühlbecker, Angelina Heger, Caroline Beil, Maike von Bremen, Julia Wulf, Natascha Ochsenknecht, Dieter Hallervorden, Wolfgang Lippert, Barbara Meier, Leonard Freier, Michael Michalsky, Pierre Geisensetter, Kim Hn지도, Bibi & Julian, Katja Ebstein, Cora Mohr, Fata Hasanovic, Bettina Cramer, Katharina Thalbach, Marion Kracht, Lothar Keller, Lucas Reiber, Tita von Hardenberg, Veruschka von Lehndorff und Birgit Lechtermann.

Record ticket sales and advance sales mean that almost two thirds of the production costs – so seven of the total budget of eleven million euros – has already been recouped before the World Premiere. "Every new production is a tremendous risk, as we put all our confidence and funds into the new production. For the fifth time in a row, ticket sales have once again beat all previous records. I can barely find the words to express my joy and relief," said General Director Dr. Berndt Schmidt, who is the producer for THE ONE Grand Show as well as for all of the theatre's other hit productions since 2008.

Each of the Grand Shows produced by Schmidt at the theatre (Qi, Yma, SHOW ME, THE WYLD) has been even more successful than its predecessor. While Qi generated 23 million euros in ticket sales and was viewed by 541,000 guests, the most recent production brought in 40.8 million euros and was viewed by 776,000 guests.

THE ONE Grand Show is scheduled to run until mid-July 2018. Ticket prices start at €19.80 (incl. fees).

Show images to download:

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Stage photos from THE ONE Grand Show:

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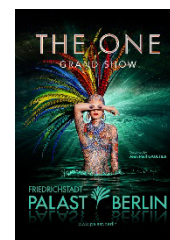
Show trailer (1:10 mins.): www.youtube.com/watch?v=q-BYzhgpijg

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