

## **Potsdam Night of the Palaces Revamped**

There are no more splendid, sparkling or romantic examples of Prussian baroque style than those in Sanssouci Park. A new Potsdam Night of the Palaces will be held on the 19 August 2017. Alongside the illuminated park, palace and other historic buildings, there will be many new top attractions. “Only if we change, can we stay true to ourselves” said Hartmut Dorgerloh, General Manager of the Prussian Palaces and Gardens Foundation about the changes. The main attractions will vary from year to year and will be new to Potsdam. Classical music in the park, concerts and readings will retain the event’s romantic ambiance.

New in 2017, for example, will be the Quidams, a group of French artists, who will perform with their larger-than-life horse figures in front of Sanssouci Palace. The figures are made of silk and filled with air and light. At the Orangery, the French Compagnie Transe Express will perform acrobatic feats high above the ground. Musicians will also perform up in the air, even lifting a drum kit on a crane. Images by a sand-artist will be projected onto the façade of the New Palace. A new catering company will demonstrate its skills and a new system for directing visitors around the event will be introduced.

Additional space and seating will encourage visitors to linger. The grand finale will be a breathtaking fireworks display at the New Palace. On Friday, 18 August, at a concert on the eve of the Night of the Palaces, Daniel Hope will perform Vivaldi’s “The Four Seasons”.

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