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Berlin Music Commission Promotes “Summer of Berlin”

Summer in Berlin is like a long, lavish party under the open sky. And it isn't just the locals enjoying the many open-air concerts and performances. Drawn by the vibrant sounds of the big city, guests stream into the city from everywhere to join the celebrations during the “Summer of Berlin”.

This is the slogan being used by the Berlin Music Commission (BMC) – the network of the Berlin music industry – to promote large music events and the legendary, tremendously varied club scene in the capital. For a long time now, there has been more to hear in Berlin clubs than just techno. “Genres that are worlds apart in other places mingle together in Berlin,” explains Olaf Kretschmar, Cluster Manager of BMC. “Particular styles and identities merge in this hotspot of creative talents.

Swing, salsa, reggae, drum and bass, tango, classical, Balkan beats, minimal electro and rock – all of these categories have their own communities in Berlin that are acknowledged worldwide.” The “Summer of Berlin” extends from the Carnival of Cultures in late May to the Club Contemporary Classical Festival at Berghain in September, which takes place in a total of thirty Berlin clubs.

Other highlights are the Popdeurope Festival in the Arena Berlin from June to August, the Berlin Festival at Tempelhof Airport on August 7 and 8, and the KulturStadion within the framework of the 12th IAAF World Championships in Athletics in Berlin from August 15 to 23.

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