

Press release

The City and the World: Weltklang – Night of Poetry

"Without precedent in Europe" (Der Tagesspiegel): for the opening of the poesiefestival berlin, the Literaturwerkstatt Berlin will transform Potsdamer Platz into the largest open air stage for poetry in Europe. The international stars of poetry will be appearing at Weltklang – Night of Poetry on 18 June 2005. This year's sensation: the American performance artist Laurie Anderson will be presenting at Weltklang part of her new solo programme *The End of the Moon*, two days prior to the German premiere. Also on board will be Gabeba Baderoon (South Africa), Chirikuré Chirikuré and Okay Machisa (Zimbabwe), Michel Deguy (France), Lutz Seiler (Germany), Clara Janés (Spain), Ko Un (Korea), Fabio Morábito (Mexico), Miodrag Pavlović (Serbia) and Christian Uetz (Switzerland).



The magic of Weltklang – Night of Poetry lies precisely in the fact that the poems are read aloud - without spoken translation - in their original language. "There could be no better proof of the creative power of the pure sounds of language than that provided by Berlin's Poesiefestival" wrote the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung. Specially for this evening an anthology of translations of the poems read at the event will appear as a limited edition.

Weltklang – Night of Poetry will be taking place for the 6th time, with the kind support of DaimlerChrysler Immobilien (DCI) GmbH.

The poesiefestival berlin will last from 18 to 26 June 2005. This year's festival will focus on the Spanish-speaking world in collaboration with the Instituto Cervantes.

Sat 18 June 2005, 8 p.m Weltklang – Night of Poetry

Potsdamer Platz Berlin
Alte Potsdamer Straße
10785 Berlin

With: Laurie Anderson, Gabeba Baderoon, Chirikuré Chirikuré and Okay Machisa, Michel Deguy, Lutz Seiler, Clara Janés, Ko Un, Fabio Morábito, Miodrag Pavlović, Christian Uetz

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