

# **LIVE TALK WITH ESA ASTRONAUT MATTHIAS MAURER AND EVENT SPECIALIST BERND BREITER AT GERMAN EXPO PAVILION**

## **CAMPUS GERMANY PRESENTS EVENT HIGHLIGHT IN THE CONTEXT OF EXPO SPACE WEEK**

The German Pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai featured an extensive programme in the context of the Expo's Space Week. In addition to various interactive sessions, such as quizzes, gaming and dance, this week's highlight was a live talk with Matthias Maurer, the German European Space Agency (ESA) astronaut, who talked about his upcoming space mission "Cosmic Kiss" at the Culture Lab of the German Pavilion. The overall responsibility for the German Expo participation lies with the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, which has commissioned Koelnmesse to organise and run the project.

This week, the programme on the pavilion's Culture Stage focused on the topic of space. The highlight was a live interview with the ESA astronaut Matthias Maurer on Friday evening, who is currently in the USA preparing for his first space mission entitled "Cosmic Kiss". Matthias Maurer will be launched to the International Space Station ISS on 31 October 2021 for his first space mission. He will fly on a SpaceX Crew Dragon launched from Florida in the USA and be accompanied by NASA astronauts Raja Chari, Thomas Marshburn as well as Kayla Barron. The interview with the astronaut, in which he talked about his upcoming space mission, was broadcast live from Houston.

"Ever since people looked into the night sky, they wondered: 'How did the universe begin? Is there life somewhere else in the universe?' These are the big questions that humans have been asking themselves. Few people have the chance to fly to space, that's why I want to take them along and share my emotions, share everything that I can see and live in space, and also talk about science from space. That's why I asked my friend Bernd Breiter to help us share this information with his means, because he is a mastermind of connecting people", Maurer said.

In the live talk, Matthias Maurer talked to the CEO of the entertainment company BigCityBeats, Bernd Breiter, about his "Entertainment meets Space" vision. The goal: to unite entertainment and science and to spread the fascination for the topic of science among more and more people. In cooperation with the European Space Agency, other extraordinary events have already been organised.

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Over the next few months, visitors to the German Pavilion can expect a varied cultural programme with acts from the fields of dance, music, science, sports, gaming and visual arts.

### **Background information**

#### **Expo 2020 Dubai and the German Pavilion**

The World Expo takes place from 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022 in Dubai, where the theme is “Connecting Minds, Creating the Future”. More than 190 countries are participating in what is the first Expo to be held in the Arabic-speaking region. The organisers are expecting over 70% of the visitors to come from overseas. Koelnmesse GmbH has been organising and running the German Pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy. The “German Pavilion Expo 2020 Dubai Consortium”, comprising facts and fiction GmbH (Cologne) and NUSSLI Adunic AG (Hüttwilen, Switzerland), was in charge of concept design, planning and realisation. facts and fiction was responsible for content, exhibition and media design, and the pavilion was built by NUSSLI Adunic. The architecture and spatial design came from LAVA – Laboratory for Visionary Architecture (Berlin). The cultural programme, known as Culture Lab, has been put together by Frankfurt-based agency VOSS+FISCHER, working in a consortium with culture and media manager Mike P. Heisel.

For more information, visit <https://www.expo2020germany.de/en/>.

#### **Note for editors**

Link to the livestream recording:

[https://www.instagram.com/tv/CVVendLJ7AF/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_button\\_share\\_sheet](https://www.instagram.com/tv/CVVendLJ7AF/?utm_source=ig_web_button_share_sheet)

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