

7. International Sand Sculpture Festival / 2. USF World Solo Championship
June 7th – August 30th 2009 at the Berlin Hauptbahnhof (central station)

PRESS RELEASE

Message of Peace Wins Audience Over: Sudarsan Pattnaik's "City Of Peace" is the Audience's Favourite

Last Sunday the sculpture "City Of Peace" by Indian sand artist **Sudarsan Pattnaik** has been **voted to be the Audience's Favourite**. The artist's harmonious vision of the future shows Buddha meditating under the Berlin television tower. The audience's choice is a promising one for the city of Berlin because Buddhist tradition says that a time in which a Buddha appears is a happy one. Berlin is to become and remain a city of peace. This wish was shared by 1383 visitors from Berlin and elsewhere who voted for Pattnaik's "City Of Peace".

Organiser Anja Smolle wasn't surprised by this decision: "His distinctive way of using Berlin sights as an inspiration for his art works, makes Sudarsan's sculptures so convincing each year. Sudarsan really is the favourite amongst Berliners." Last year Pattnaik together with his Partner Jitendra **Kishore Jagadev** won the Jury's Award. Pattnaik runs the Golden Sand Art Institute in India and teaches the art of sand sculpturing.

The second prize with 439 votes goes to **Gianni Schiumarini** from Italy for "A new sun on the same world" who also received the 2. World Solo Championship Award from the jury. With her science-fiction sculpture "One more Beer" the Dane **Maria Eliot Torp** made it third with 402 votes.

Over two weeks the visitors voted for their favourite sculptures. 3547 visitors voted in total. Until August 30th the fascinating, many metres high sculptures can be seen at the Berlin Hauptbahnhof.

Save the Date

Travesty Show with Joosy Morin on July 18th and August 8th

The sculpture exhibition also serves as a great scenery for many events: On Saturday, **July 18th**, and on Saturday, **August 8th** – with the kind support of Neuköllner Oper (www.neukoellner-oper.de) – from 8p.m. SANDSATION presents the **travesty performer Joosy Morin**. The admission fee is included in the regular SANDSATION admission fee which is 6 Euro.

OMG! London, Rio, New York – non-stop phone calls from these annoying agents. In addition to: fixing the feather boa, collecting the tap shoes from the cobbler, getting new blades for the shaver. Joosy knows, a real show girl needs balls to get by.

Joosy shows and gives her everything: musical, swing, singing and dance – her way. In one moment she's a vamp, the next she's a chansonette or a glitzy revue girl: with power and passion Joosy leads through the musical collages. With her personal lyrics and presentations she creates a vibrant, emotive stage show. Makeup: adorable. Costumes: perfect. Songs: naturally live!

You want a taste of it? Check www.youtube.com/watch?v=x-JXIMY_ssA

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We're very happy about references to and/or coverage of the Audience's Favourite. Please visit www.sandsation.de for more information.

Kind regards,

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