

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

PRESS RELEASE

Sandsational Start of Holidays: The Dragon is the Most Beautiful Sand Animal of the Animal Park

The SANDSATION visitors experience a “sandsational” start of the holidays: whenever children are standing in front of the six and a half metres high sculptures they’re more than just amazed. At this year’s SANDSATION the children rule over their own fantastic sculpture zoo, the Animal Park. Five sand animals, each three and a half metres high live in this park. But which is one is the prettiest of them all? Over four days the children could vote for their favourite sculpture and the winner was announced on the first Sunday of the holidays:

With just under 200 votes Lisa Tempich’s dragon was chosen as the children’s favourite sculpture of the Animal Park. Second came the Berlin Bear by Lisa Bucholz, followed by the third position which went to Johanna Landscheidt for her elephant.

Numerous prizes were raffled to those children who participated in the voting. The winners received great gifts such as a BIG bobby car, an mp3 player, an annual ticket for Legoland, Sandmann DVDs from the rbb television station and various other prizes from SANDSATION partners.

Idea behind the Animal Park

The sand animals represent the five continents: the buffalo by Johannes Weckl represents the American continent, the SANDSATION original crew member and team captain Lena Tempich created a dragon to stand for the Asian continent. Johanna Landscheidt’s elephant symbolises Africa and Frank Beuthans whale stands for Australia and Oceania. Lisa Bucholz made the European bear.

“The Animal Park came together as a team effort. The sculptures had to be ready for the opening. That was quite a lot of pressure for all of us. Our hard work was absolutely worth it if you look at the great results”, says sand artist Lena Tempich.

SANDSATION Family Day on August 2nd

The SANDSATION family workshops at the weekends are particularly popular: on Saturdays and Sundays from 2p.m. until 6p.m. **free workshops** are given and everyone can try their artistic skills on their own sand sculpture.

All those who practiced their creative skills on the **SANDSATION Family Day on August 2nd** can prove their talents at the children’s sculpture contest. The great surprise prizes will be sponsored by some of SANDSATION’s partners like BIG, Gerolsteiner and the rbb television station. At 5p.m. the best young carver 2009 will be presented. Children between 7 and 12 years can participate in the children’s sculpture contest. If you would like to participate, please register by email to office@sandsation.de until July 31st. The places are limited to 24 participants. Children who received a confirmation of registration will be granted free admission, all other 7 to 16 year olds pay a reduced admission fee of 2 EURO.

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At night the sculpture exhibition is the setting for numerous events such a travesty performance and regular salsa parties. Until August 30th the amazing sand sculptures can be seen at the Berlin Hauptbahnhof.

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