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Dina Asher-Smith and Ewa Swoboda bring international medal lustre to INIT INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe

Bo Kanda Lita Baehre and Oleg Zernikel will compete in the pole vault / Alexandra Burghardt joins the world-class line-up / Small ticket contingent in January

There are still a little more than four weeks to go until the INIT INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe on 27 January 2023 at Messe Karlsruhe, but it is already becoming apparent that athletics fans will once again be able to experience a number of top athletes up close. Because in the women's 60 metres, for which Malaika Mihambo has also confirmed her start, the spectators can look forward to Dina Asher-Smith from Great Britain and Poland's Ewa Swoboda, among others.

Fastest women in the world as guests in Karlsruhe

Both have triumphed at the INIT INDOOR MEETING before. Swoboda won the 60 metres in 2019 in 7.10 seconds and Asher-Smith was successful in 2021 in 7.08 seconds. The 27-year-old Briton is one of the best and most successful sprinters in the world. In 2019 she became world champion in the 200 metres in Doha and also won the silver medal in the 100 metres as well as with the British 4-by-100 metres relay team. On top of that, she won two bronze medals with the 4-by-100-metre relay team at the 2016 Rio Olympics and 2021 Tokyo Olympics, as well as three titles in the 100, 200 and 4-by-100-metre at the 2018 European Championships in Berlin. Asher-Smith also holds the British records for 100 metres (10.83 seconds) and 200 metres (21.88 seconds). Her best time in the 60 metres indoors, where she was European champion in 2015, is 7.08 seconds – running at the INIT INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe 2021. Ewa Swoboda is a force especially in the hall. Following her victory at the 2019 INIT INDOOR MEETING, when she won in 7.10 seconds, the 25-year-old went on to win at the European Indoor Championships in Glasgow, where she claimed the title with a time of 7.09 seconds. After missing the 2021 outdoor season due to injury, she came back all the stronger this year. She ran a Polish record in the 60 metres in 6.99 seconds at the Polish Indoor Championships in Torun, becoming the first woman in the world to run under seven seconds since 2018. At the European Outdoor Championships in Munich, she won the silver medal with the Polish 4-by-100-metre relay team. Dina Asher-Smith, Ewa Swoboda and Malaika Mihambo are also joined by Alexandra Burghardt, who has already won international medals this year with her gold medal at the home European Championships in Munich as well as bronze in Eugene at the World Championships – both with the 4-by-100-metre relay – and has already caused a sensation this year. Burghardt can also call herself a six-time German champion. With a time of 11.14 seconds, Burghardt not only secured the German championship title in 2021, but also met the standard for the Olympic Games in Tokyo, where she eventually ran through to the semi-finals.

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Flying high with Zernikel and Lita-Baehre

The pole vault has always been one of the highlights of the INIT INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe. At the 2022 meeting, Swedish superstar and world record holder Armand Duplantis broke the six-metre mark with a jump of 6.02 metres. Also competing at the meet were Bo Kanda Lita Baehre and Oleg Zernikel, who each jumped 5.71 metres. For both it was the kick-off to a strong outdoor season. At the meet Lita Baehre increased his outdoor best to 5.90 metres and thrilled German athletics fans by winning the silver medal at the European Championships in Munich with a leap of 5.85 metres. It will be interesting to see what the 23-year-old from Düsseldorf, who speaks confidently of his ability to reach the six metres, will accomplish at the INIT INDOOR MEETING on 27 January.

His German competitor Oleg Zernikel has improved continuously in recent years. The best performance of the Olympic participant at the Tokyo Games, where he reached the final in the pole vault, has stood at 5.80 metres outdoors since 2021. In the hall he jumped even one centimetre higher. At the ISTAF Indoor in Berlin, the 27-year-old, who competes for ABC Ludwigshafen, increased his personal best to 5.81 metres and still sees room for improvement.

Small ticket contingent in January

The INIT INDOOR MEETING has sold out earlier than ever before. All tickets were sold out within about two months. Those who were unable to get hold of one of the 3,000 tickets for the INIT INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe need not be sad. Due to returning contingents from partners and sponsors as well as technical blockages, there will be another small contingent of tickets in January. More information will be provided on the INIT INDOOR MEETING channels at the appropriate time. The sports pictures from Karlsruhe are broadcast nationally and worldwide. SWR will be streaming from Exhibition Hall 3 on the day of the meeting from 18:30. In addition, the meeting will be broadcast worldwide by currently 19 broadcasters in around 60 countries, including South and Central America as well as Australia.

For more information about the INIT INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe, please visit www.meeting-karlsruhe.de and the meeting's social networks.

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Stops on the World Athletics Indoor Tour Gold 2023:

27.01.2023:	INIT INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe (Karlsruhe, GER)
04.02.2023:	New Balance Indoor Grand Prix (Boston, USA)
08.02.2023:	Copernicus Cup (Torun, POL)
11.02.2023:	Millrose Games (New York, USA)
14.02.2023:	Meeting Hauts-de-France Pas-de-Calais (Liévin, FRA)
22.02.2023:	Villa de Madrid (Madrid, ESP)
25.02.2023:	Müller Indoor Grand Prix (Birmingham, GBR)

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