



Presentation of Andie Gabauer´s World Championships-song at tramway´s maiden voyage

Karate World Championships circulates on tracks in Linz as „green event“

A mega event with approximately 2500 Karatekas from 135 nations, that is what Upper Austria´s sport fans can expect. Seen from that angle, it is the country´s biggest sport event,” Ewald Roth, head of the Karate World Championship´s (25.-30.10.) organizing committee states just before the tramway´s maiden voyage at the carriage shed Sonnensteinstraße. Upper Austria´s governor Josef Pühringer is in a Karate-buzz as well: „This championships gets the international top-class sport to Upper Austria.”

After that, Hans Werner Streicher, head of the OC, explained the World Championships´ central values: art, persons with disabilities, responsibility, culture and sport. Of special interest was the aspect of responsibility with the execution of a green event: “We are advertising with the public transport system and are taking care, that our spectators are using those possibilities for public transport. Every ticket for the World Championships is also a valid ticket for the public transport of the Linz Linien.” The responsibility is also expressed by sustainability for nature and humans. That central idea affects all aspects of the organization, especially clothing, food, energy and transport. A visible expression of that “green event” is the green shirt which will be dominant in the arena on the second day of tournament.

Governor Dr. Josef Pühringer is very enthusiastic about the five central aspects as well: “It gets very clear that top-sports is right in the middle of life with those mottos of the huge event ,culture – responsibility – people with disabilities – art – sport´. Top athletes are always some kind of ambassadors. Not only of their country, but also of values and ideas. With these values it becomes clear, that the sport is not only rooted in society deeply, but is also closely connected to the development of a society. I´m therefore very thankful that mottos were chosen for that mega event that reach far beyond the athletic aspect.”



As part of the maiden voyage the official World Championships-song, written by Andie Gabauer, was presented for the first time by Mojca Kosi-Oman. "The motto is now on on all tracks," advertising partner Willy Grims ("erima") and Monika Sandberger (Passage) are delighted. Further impressed guests of honor were Upper Austria´s sports director Gerhard Rumetshofer, head of the Upper Austrian Karate Association Kalr Hillinger and Union Upper Austria head Franz Schiefermair – all together having their fingers crossed for Bettina Plank. The athlete from Karate-do Wels Schwanenstadt is on her way to the European Championships (May, 5th -8th) in Montpellier, France.

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