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## **PRESS RELEASE - SAVE THE DATE**

### **On 28 June 2023, the open-air exhibition "Blocked Winners - Divided Berlin. 75 Years Airlift" will open at Tempelhof Airport.**

2023/24 marks the 75th anniversary of the "Airlift", an event closely linked to Berlin's history. To mark the occasion, the Museum of Military History of the Bundeswehr at Airfield Berlin-Gatow, the Allied Museum Berlin and the Museum Berlin-Karlsborst are presenting at Tempelhof Airport the special exhibition "Blocked Winners - Divided Berlin. 75 Years Airlift", which has been jointly developed.

The exhibition will be shown "open air" from 28 June 2023 to 12 May 2024 on the former Ehrenhof in front of the departure hall of Tempelhof Airport, the central approach site of the Airlift, and thus covers the entire period of the Berlin Blockade 75 years ago. This location is not only central to the history of the city and the Airlift, the airport also celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2023.

The narrative of the success and achievement of the Airlift is generally known. The exhibition adds further perspectives to this view: How did the blockade and airlift come about in 1948 in the first place? What policies did the Western Allies and the Soviet Union, as victorious and occupying powers, pursue towards Germany and Berlin in the first post-war years? What do the blockade and the airlift have to do with the division of the city? How do Berliners experience this period? And what role does the Airlift play in Berlin's culture of remembrance? The exhibition explores these questions in four chapters: Blocked Winners, Divided Berlin, Airlift, Myth and Memory.

The exhibition is presented in four languages: German, English, French and Russian. A handout in Ukrainian is also being prepared. An online publication will also be published to accompany the exhibition. An accompanying programme with lectures, readings and film screenings is also planned. The exhibition was designed by the Berlin office tecton.

The exhibition is realised with the support of Tempelhof Projekt GmbH.

Place: Square in front of the former departure hall of Tempelhof Airport (former Ehrenhof).

Opening: 28 June 2023, 7 p.m.

Duration: 28 June 2023 to 12 May 2024

Price | Opening hours: Admission is free | The exhibition will be accessible at all times.

**Further press information will soon be made available.**

**A press conference will be held prior to the exhibition opening. Information on accreditation for participation in the press conference and/or the opening will be announced at a later date.**

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