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Berlin Burlesque Festival 2025 – A Celebration of Art, Freedom, and Glamour

October 23–26, 2025 | Heimathafen Neukölln & Wintergarten Varieté

The line-up has never been this grand: 14 acts from around the world per night, plus the surprise BBF Awards.

For over a decade, the Berlin Burlesque Festival has been a fixture in the international cultural landscape. With its blend of high-level stage artistry, intellectual wit, and glamorous freedom, it attracts not only an art-loving, international audience each year, but also students, cultural professionals, and lovers of sensual stage performance.

Hundreds of performers from all over the world apply each year for one of the coveted spots on the Berlin Burlesque Festival's culturally significant and progressive stages – but only a carefully curated selection is invited. The festival is renowned for its talent for discovering the stars of tomorrow: those who debut here are often soon seen on the world's most important stages. Each year, newcomers perform side by side with celebrated icons of the international burlesque scene. This powerful mix makes the Berlin Burlesque Festival a vibrant space for transformation, surprise, and creative exchange.

The Art of Diversity – A Stage for the World

The festival's line-up reflects the full spectrum of what burlesque can be: a kaleidoscope of body types, age groups, cultural backgrounds, and personal messages, unfolding through light, music, and movement.

One example: the oldest performer in this year's festival is 80 – a living legend of the scene. The youngest is in her early 20s, radiating electrifying energy as she steps onto a festival stage for the first time. It's this contrast, this lived diversity, that gives the Berlin Burlesque Festival its extraordinary brilliance.

The Berlin Burlesque Festival was founded by **Marlene von Steenvag**, one of Europe's most influential burlesque artists. Together with the internationally celebrated jazz band **The Sazerac Swingers**, the festival continues to set new records and reach ever greater heights. Under the direction of **Max Oestersötebier**, the band is not only the beating heart of the event, but also forges a unique link between jazz, music, and burlesque that is one-of-a-kind in the world.

The 2025 Program – Heimathafen Neukölln

The Grand Opening

Thursday, October 23, 2025 | Heimathafen Neukölln

Doors: 8:00 PM | Show: 9:00 PM

Tickets from €49 – €79: www.berlin-burlesque-festival.com/tickets

Line-up

- Buba Sababa
- Foxic Poison (Germany)
- Lady Toxic (Argentina)
- Lin Tonic (Germany)
- Linde von Schwärze (Czech Republic)
- Raketenmieze (Germany)
- Ruby de Cadence (Germany)
- Scar-lit Hearts (South Africa)
- Setty Mois (Germany / UK)
- Shades of Jade (Switzerland)
- Strega SinBon (Sweden)
- Tiny Djinn (Belgium)
- Tom the Spice (Poland)
- Zohar the Nootzel (Spain)
- Emerald Esmeraldas (Germany / International)

Live Band: The Sazerac Swingers (Germany / International)

Emcee: Buba Sababa

The Friday Night

Friday, October 24, 2025 | Heimathafen Neukölln

Doors: 8:00 PM | Show: 9:00 PM

Tickets from €49 – €79: www.berlin-burlesque-festival.com/tickets

Line-up

- Absinthique (Germany)
- BigChief RandomChaos (Ireland / USA)
- Bunny Bordeaux (Sweden)
- Strega SinBon (Sweden)
- Zizi Buffet (France)
- Champagne Mademoiselle (France)
- Daphne Moon (USA)
- Discopussyz (Switzerland)
- Eleonora Silva (Germany)
- Gina Stirling (England)
- Liu Bohème (Switzerland / Asia)
- Marlene Kiepke (Germany)
- Masha Champanskaya (Germany)
- Morena Sauvage (Italy)
- Nyka Noctula (Germany)
- Rana Hava (Germany)
- Lilly Mortis (UK / Germany)
- Emerald Esmeraldas (Germany / International)

Live Band: The Sazerac Swingers (Germany)

Emcee: Lilly Mortis (Germany)

The Saturday Night

Saturday, October 25, 2025 | Wintergarten Variété

Doors: 10:00 PM | Show: 10:45 PM

Tickets from €59 – €89: www.berlin-burlesque-festival.com/tickets

Line-up

- Arden (Germany)
- Brooke Bird (Australia)
- Chantaaaal (France)
- Ilona Winter (Germany / Hungary)
- Jade Felina (Brazil)
- La Rubinia (Germany)

- Linde von Schwärze (Czech Republic)
- Amante de la vida (Czech Republic)
- Lola Itsy (Italy)
- Lucinda B. Hind (United Kingdom)
- Marlene Kiepke (Germany)
- Marlene von Steenvag (Germany)
- Melissa Lee (Germany)
- Mona LaDoll (France)
- Emerald Esmeraldas (Germany / International)

Live Band: The Sazerac Swingers (Germany / International)

Emcee: Gisela Kloppe (Germany)

Stage Crew: Mr Allison Saphir (Switzerland), Victoria Versatil (Germany)

The coveted **BBF Awards** will be presented throughout all festival nights – spontaneously and in surprise moments – honoring world stars, newcomers, or even special guests for their unique contributions. Until the moment of presentation, the winners remain a secret.

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