

Press Release

Open-air exhibition “Peaceful Revolution 1989/90” on Berlin’s Alexanderplatz extended to 3 October 2010

Berlin, 11 December 2009. The open-air exhibition “Peaceful Revolution 1989/90” on Berlin’s Alexanderplatz has been extended to 3 October 2010. It was originally scheduled to end in mid-November of this year. Over a million visitors from all around the world have seen the exhibition since it opened in May 2009.

Tom Sello, Exhibition Curator and Project Manager for the Robert Havemann Society, comments: “We are very pleased that our exhibition will be on display in Berlin until the 20th anniversary of German unification. The Peaceful Revolution did not end with the fall of the Wall in 1989. At that time it was still absolutely unclear what would happen to the GDR. Revolutions do not take place overnight.” Thousands of people are still visiting the exhibition every day: “There was a great deal of interest from the very outset of the exhibition; the fact that this interest has remained constant confirms us all the more,” says Moritz von Dülmen, Managing Director of Kulturprojekte Berlin.

The exhibition on the historical site documents the peaceful and successful course of the drastic changes in East German society and the end of the communist dictatorships in Central and Eastern Europe. Berlin was a key site of the Peaceful Revolution. Using 700 photos, images and texts along with film footage at nine media stations, the exhibition presents a vivid impression of the events of the time.

The exhibition is open around the clock as ever. A range of tours are available at www.revolution89.de/Führungen. The information pavilion will be closed during the winter, reopening on 7 May 2010. The magazine accompanying the exhibition can be ordered online via www.mauerfall09.de.

The exhibition “Peaceful Revolution 1989/90” is presented in cooperation with Kulturprojekte Berlin and funded by the German Lottery Foundation Berlin and the Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and the Media on the basis of a ruling by the Bundestag.

The German Federal Agency for Civic Education recently awarded the exhibition the “unity award – Citizens’ Award for German Unity 2009”, as an outstanding example of civic engagement for the integration of East and West in Germany and Europe.

For more information, please see: www.revolution89.de / www.mauerfall09.de

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