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The countdown to MASH is on! In just two weeks – from 23 to 25 June – Munich’s Olympic Park will welcome the world’s top action sports stars and a huge number of fans for the fourth edition of MUNICH MASH. Preparations for the event are in full swing. The start lists for the first stop of the STREET LEAGUE SKATEBOARDING NIKE SB WORLD TOUR and the WAKEBOARD RAIL & AIR are already complete, with just one place left to fill for the BMX SPINE RAMP contest. And the programme of side events and activities accompanying the action at MASH is growing by the day. **Time for an update!**

#### STREET LEAGUE SKATEBOARDING NIKE SB WORLD TOUR

The athletes competing in this year’s Street League Skateboarding Nike SB World Tour have now been confirmed. After two days of thrilling action, Yuto Horigome and Dashawn Jordan booked their places on the World Tour at the SLS Nike SB Pro Open in Barcelona and will now join SLS pros like SLS World Champion 2016, Shane O’Neill, Evan Smith, Nyjah Huston, Ishod Wair, Chris Cole and Sean Malto in Munich’s Olympic Ice Stadium on **Saturday 24 June** for the first stop of the **STREET LEAGUE SKATEBOARDING NIKE SB WORLD TOUR**. “The energy and support from the fans in the sold-out Olympic Ice Stadium was one of the absolute highlights of the Tour last year,” comments SLS President Brian Atlas. The organisers and fans will be looking to replicate that atmosphere this year as the top 30 skateboarders in the world do battle in Munich. Tickets for the contest are already on sale via the [MASH Ticket Shop](#). Several categories of tickets are available, including the 4Friends&more Ticket. For more information visit [www.streetleague.com](http://www.streetleague.com)

#### WAKEBOARD RAIL & AIR

“I am totally stoked. Everything worked out perfectly today. And on top of that the atmosphere at the Olympic Lake was really cool,” said Dominik Hernler (AUT) after his victory at last year’s MASH Wakeboard Contest, where he claimed top spot ahead of local heroes Dominik Gührs and Nico von Lerchenfeld. He will be looking to replicate his win at the **WAKEBOARD RAIL & AIR 2017**, but it won’t be easy. On **Friday 23 June and Sunday 25 June** the top three athletes from last year will take on some of the best in the world, including 19-year-old Guenther Oka from the USA – who had a super strong year in 2016 – and 21-year-old Aaron Gunn from Australia – a two-time world champion in his own right. Among the other riders on the

#### MUNICH MASH

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start line will be the 22-year-old American John Dreiling (3rd overall in the Wake Park World Series 2016) as well as MASH veteran William Klang from Sweden and the German duo of Bene Tremmel and Alexander Aulbach. If you thought the action was extreme last year, things are set to get even more intense in 2017 with a new Big Air set-up featuring rails and other obstacles. Get ready to be amazed as the world's top 16 wakeboard athletes take to the water for a contest packed with sick tricks and huge airtime on the Olympic Lake! [Click here to see a full list of the athletes taking part.](#)

### **BMX SPINE RAMP**

The **BMX SPINE RAMP** contest is set to make its MASH debut on **Friday 23 June (Best Trick)** and **Saturday 24 June (Final)** with a top international field of riders from eight countries. The mix of Quarter Pipe, Spine, Extension, Wall Ride and Sub Box makes the Spine Ramp one huge 250m<sup>2</sup> playground up to five metres in height where the world's best freestyle BMX pros will go head-to-head in front of a huge crowd on Coubertin Square. Among those lining up on the start line will be five-time X Games gold medallist Daniel Dhers (Venezuela/32 years) and the 22-year-old American Kevin Peraza, who won gold at the 2016 X Games. Other athletes to have confirmed their participation include Britain's Jack Clark (22 years), who won last year's Boardmasters event, and 28-year-old Tom Justice (28), third at Boardmasters 2016, as well as Ben Wallace (30), who has twice won silver at the X Games. Konstantin Andreev (24) is one of Russia's top freestyle BMX riders and will be joined by 27-year-old Dutch rider Daniel Wedemeijer, Croatia's Marin Rantes (21) and the Czech "trick machine" Michael Beran (27). One thing is for sure: German BMX stars Paul Thölen (18 years old from Viersen), Timo Schulze (18 years old from Gelsenkirchen) and Tobias Freigang (22 years old from Wachtendonk) will have their work cut out to achieve a podium place but will be fighting hard against the crème de la crème of the international elite. [Click here to see a full list of the athletes taking part.](#)

### **MASH FEST**

No other event embodies the spirit of action sports like MASH. As well as the sporting events there will be plenty of side events and activities going on throughout the festival – from havens of peace and quiet to get away from it all to rocking parties with plenty of different types of music for all tastes.

Access to the **MASH FEST** is **free for everyone**. This area combines art, culture and infotainment and is a central meeting point for visitors to MASH. For 2017 the organisers have again stepped things up a level with even more stands to try out the latest trends, big foodtrucks to satisfy the most hungry of stomachs and a chill-out areas to relax and digest. [Click here to check out all the side events and activities going on at the MASH FEST.](#)

## **CULTURAL VILLAGE**

Where better to kick back and appreciate the finer things in life than in the CULTURAL VILLAGE? Surrounded by art, handicrafts and cool design projects, visitors to MASH can get inspired and enjoy the Zen atmosphere of this cultural melting pot.

## **MASH PARTY**

For the second year in a row the radio station PULS will be the official MASH media partner. In cooperation with Matthias Fischer, who is responsible for pop music at the regional government, PULS has helped to create the **MASH PARTY on Saturday 24 June** in the **Restaurant Olympiasee**. The action starts at 16:00 (until 3:00) with DJ CASPAR (Crux/PULS), followed by X T O P H, head of music at PULS and Cord Club Resident. The final set of the night will see Freez (Pandaparty) take to the decks to keep the MASH fans dancing until the early hours of the morning. **Admission to the MASH PARTY is free of charge.**

## **MASH FEST STAGE**

MASH wouldn't be MASH without live music! A total of 16 bands will rock the event from **Friday 23 June all the way through to Sunday 25 June** at the **MASH FEST STAGE** located on the roof of the Small Olympic Hall. Indie, Rock, Pop, Hip Hop or Electro – whatever your taste, MASH has the right vibe! The music starts on Friday at 15:00, on Saturday at 11:30 and on Sunday at 12:00. As in 2016, **admission** to the concerts at the MASH FEST STAGE is **free!**

[More information and schedule.](#)

## **TICKETS**

Fans who want to watch world's best skateboarders in action at the SLS Nike SB World Tour in the Olympic Ice Stadium should book their tickets now in the MUNICH MASH Ticket Shop at [www.munich-mash.com](http://www.munich-mash.com) or via München Ticket GmbH, [www.muenchenticket.de](http://www.muenchenticket.de): Tel. 089 / 54 81 81 81; Fax 089 / 54 81 81 54. Access to the WAKEBOARD RAIL & AIR and BMX SPINE RAMP contests is free of charge!

**Team Playground** will be broadcasting the MASH contests live via internet stream. In fact, this stream will be the only place where fans in German-speaking countries will be able to follow the action live at the Wakeboard and BMX contests. All competitions at the weekend will be shown live on TV channel ONE – also live and exclusive.

P.S. As well as the music acts performing on the MASH FEST STAGE, there will be live DJ music at the contests: X T O P H aka head of music at radio station PULS will be laying down the beats at the BMX SPINE RAMP, while DJ Enno will be on the turntables at the WAKEBOARD RAIL & AIR.

**More information** is available on the MASH website at [www.munich-mash.com](http://www.munich-mash.com) as well as at <https://www.facebook.com/munichmash>; <https://twitter.com/munichmash>; <https://www.instagram.com/munichmash/>; <https://www.youtube.com/user/munichmash>