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All important facts at a glance

What?

The ImproEM is the **European Championship in improvisational theatre**. 18 improv teams from 18 countries will compete in an international competition. A total of 54 professionals will delight the audience with their spontaneous acting talent. There will be three preliminary rounds and a week of finals played on 12 well known stages around the city of Munich. There will also be shows for students and a variety of workshops for exchanging ideas with European artists.

When?

The ImproEM will take place **from 18.4. to 19.5.2024**.

Where?

The shows can be seen on the following **Munich stages** : Deutsches Ampere Muffatwerk, Theater Silbersaal, Einstein Kultur, Saal X Gasteig, Müncher Theater für Kinder, Werk 7 theater.

Why?

The ImproEM is part of the **arts and culture programme for UEFA EURO 2024** in Germany. The aim of ImproEM is to strengthen cultural life in Munich and the discipline of improv theatre as a whole. Diversity at all levels is lived and exemplified.

Who?

The ImproEM is organized and carried out by the non-profit association "Improtheaterfestival München e.V."

Christian Ude has taken over the patronage.

In addition to funding from the Football & Culture Foundation and the Federal Government, ImproEM is also supported by the Department of Education and Sports and the Cultural Department of the City of Munich and numerous stages around the city. A special thank you goes to Fritz Kola, München Ticket, Erima and Flemings Hotels, who also support the project.

Press material and information

Pictures for download: [Pressebilder_ImproEM_Sara Kurig](#)

More information about the festival:

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Background

Every scene is an adventure!

What is improv theatre?

Kick-off for the unexpected – that's what carries through every show.

In improvised theatre, there is no script, no set scenery and no props. The actors create scenes, dialogues, and emotions spontaneously right in front of the audience's eyes – mostly based on impulses coming from the audience itself.

The actors are inspired by suggestions from the audience. And so every performance is not only unique, but also interactive. Everyone experiences shared moments in a way that is rarely seen. The actors perform without a safety net and the audience becomes part of the creative journey.



Actors improvise on stage according to the audience's specifications (Photo: SPARC)

Now the first European Improv Championship starts in Munich!

This is the ImproEM.

The best improv groups from 18 European countries will meet and improvise their way into the hearts of the audience and towards the finals.

The excitement of competition meets theatre. In line with the city's UEFA EURO 2024, the football event, From April to May 19, 2024, the first official ImproEM will take place in Munich.

The ImproEM will not only be a spectacle for the audience, but also for the improv players. They will develop stories, conjure up characters and create unforgettable moments before the eyes of the

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audience on well-known stages all around the city. Referees will pay attention to compliance with the rules, which are closely based on the rules in football.

Of course, the football metaphor runs throughout all the events: the teams receive jerseys, yellow and red cards are hopefully rarely drawn, and in the end, it's all about winning the big trophy. But instead of the pitch, everything will take place in theatres. The common language on stage will be English.

Friendly matches and competitions are spread throughout the city. Munich will become a playing field. Cultural exchange meets fair play. Diversity is linked to innovation. The audience sets the topics and decides who makes it to the finals.

The tournament will be accompanied by shows for students and a variety of workshops for exchanging ideas with European artists.



18 countries are represented at ImproEM 2024 in Munich



Who will be able to take home the coveted trophy?

A unique festival of intercultural exchange and cultural education

The motto of the entire improv theatre festival is "Long live diversity".

From the selection of the players to the design of the supporting program: Diversity rules! A colourful mix of nationalities, age groups, genders, ... meet each other. And the following applies: Everyone is equal.

The supporting programme includes drag queens, a Bulgarian choir and the Rainbow Sound Orchestra Munich.

In addition, All 18 teams from different countries will perform for school classes in the mornings, where they'll give the students the opportunity to get to know improv theatre as well as to come into contact with other nationalities.

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Participating teams

A European mix that is something to be proud of!

The following 18 countries will compete on Munich stages in 2024:

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, England, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Liechtenstein, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Ireland, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye.

Each team consists of three outstanding improv players.



Dates

Preliminary Round / Qualifying #1

18.4.24 // Ampere // England : Germany / Bulgaria : Portugal
19.4.24 // Silver Hall // Switzerland : Portugal / Germany : Estonia
20.4.24 // Einstein Culture // Estonia : England / Bulgaria : Switzerland

Preliminary Round / Qualifying #2

25.4.24 // Room X // Liechtenstein : Italy / Ireland : Austria
26.4.24 // Ampere // Italy : Turkey / Austria : Belgium
27.4.24 // Silver Hall // Turkey : Liechtenstein / Belgium : Ireland

Preliminary Round / Qualifying #3

2.5.24 // Theatre for Children Munich (TFKM) // Spain : Romania / France : Sweden
3.5.24 // Einstein Culture // Romania : Poland / Sweden : Greece
4.5.24 // Room X // Poland : Spain / Greece : France

Finals

17.5.24 // Theater für Kinder München (TFKM) / Finalist 1 : Finalist 2
18.5.24 // Theater für Kinder München (TFKM) / Finalist 3: Finalist 4
19.5.24 // Werk7 theater / Grand Finale

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The venues at a glance

Ampere Muffatwerk- Zellstraße 4, 81667 Munich

Silbersaal Deutsches Theater - Schwanthalerstraße 13, 80336 Munich

Einstein Kultur - Einsteinstraße 42, 81675 Munich

Saal X Gasteig - Hans-Preißinger-Straße 2, 81379 Munich

Theatre for Children Munich (TFKM) - Dachauer Str. 46, 80335 Munich

Werk 7 theater - Speicherstraße 22, 81671 Munich

About Us – the organizers

The non-profit association "Improtheaterfestival München e.V." was founded in April 2016 and includes numerous members from English, French, Spanish, Turkish and German improvisational theatre ensembles in Munich. Under the patronage of Christian Ude, the association is committed to promoting cooperation between the European improv theatre scene in Munich. The last event was the cultural conference [SPARC](#) (Spontaneous Arts Conference) in February 2020 at the Gasteig. From 2016-2019, the association hosted the international cultural festival [Improvember](#) in Munich.



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