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Invitation

Ravensbrück Memorial Museum

78

Anniversary of
the liberation of
the Ravensbrück women's
concentration camp

21 – 23 April 2023

Photo: Liberated prisoners in Podborg, Denmark, April/May, 1945. (Tage Christensen, Scampix 2023)



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Programme of the 78th anniversary of liberation

Thursday, 20 April 2023

19:00 **Book review and discussion with author Barbara Yelin and Emmie Arbel**

Presentation of the graphic novel “But I Live: Three Stories of Child Survivors of the Holocaust.” Toronto University Press, 2022. In the presence of the Ravensbrück survivor Emmie Arbel. Moderated by Dr. Matthias Heyl, Ravensbrück Memorial Museum

- » Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Strasse der Pariser Kommune 8a, 10243 Berlin

Please register under info@ravensbrueck.de
Event held in cooperation with the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation.

Friday, 21 April 2023

11:00 **Renewal of the waymarks**

Students of the Ernst Litfass School in Berlin renew the waymarks on the “Road of Remembrance” leading from Fürstenberg train station to Ravensbrück memorial. Supported by Ingo Grollmus.

Saturday, 22 April 2023

11:00 **In remembrance of the group of Polish prisoners**

- » Fürstenberg Main Cemetery, Friedhofsweg 2, 16798 Fürstenberg/Havel
Organized by the *Lagergemeinschaft Ravensbrück/Freundeskreis e. V.*

12:00-18:00 **SPUR.lab – Digital projects on show**

The team of the research lab presents prototypes for teaching history digitally. SPUR.lab is a research project of the Brandenburgische Gesellschaft für Kultur und Geschichte, the Brandenburg Memorials Foundation and the Konrad Wolf Film University of Babelsberg and the Brandenburg Memorials Foundation.

- » former waterworks

12:30-14:30 **Guided tours of the historic camp area**

Held in German and English

- » meet at Visitor Information Centre

15:00 **Remembrance at the “Uckermark Youth Concentration Camp” memorial site**

Commemorative event with speeches and music

- » meet for shuttle service at Ravensbrück Memorial, Haus der Lagergemeinschaft, starting at 14:15 hrs
- » “Uckermark Youth Concentration Camp” memorial site
Organized by the *Initiative für einen Gedenkort Uckermark e. V./Netzwerk.*

16:00 **Exhibition of artistic works relating to the biography of Gustav Fritz Herzberg**

Welcome

Dr. Andrea Genest, Director, Ravensbrück Memorial

Introducing the project

Xenia Trost, great-niece of former inmate Gustav Fritz Herzberg
Katharina Jesdinsky, Prof. Piotr Nathan and a student of the Muthesius University of Fine Arts and Design, Kiel

- » former textile factory

Held in cooperation with the drawing and print graphics class of the Muthesius University of Fine Arts and Design, Kiel.

17:00 **Book review and discussion**

Brigitte Halbmayr: “Brüchiges Schweigen. Tod in Ravensbrück – auf den Spuren von Anna Burger” [Fragile silence. Death at Ravensbrück – in the footsteps of Anna Burger]
Mandelbaum Verlag Vienna, Berlin 2023.

The author in conversation with Siegrid Fahrecker, granddaughter of Anna Burger.

- » large foyer in the garage complex

Held in cooperation with the Austrian Camp Community Ravensbrück and Friends e. V.

18:30 **Get together**

- » large event hall in the garage complex

20:00 **Film screening “Nelly & Nadine”**

Documentary film by Magnus Gertten from 2022

- » Kulturgasthof “Alte Reederei”, Brandenburger Straße 38, 16798 Fürstenberg/Havel

Organized by the Ravensbrück Lagergemeinschaft/Freundeskreis e. V.

Sunday, 23 April 2023

9:00 **Commemoration at the Soviet Memorial**

Remembrance with music played by accordionist Tanja Buttenborg
Please wear civilian clothes.

- » Soviet Memorial, Bahnhofstraße, 16798 Fürstenberg/Havel
Organized by the *Ravensbrück Lagergemeinschaft/Freundeskreis e. V.*

10:00-12:00 **Central commemorative ceremony**

Official welcome

Dr. Andrea Genest, Director, Ravensbrück Memorial
Ambra Laurenzi, President, International Ravensbrück Committee
Robert Philipp, Mayor of the town of Fürstenberg/Havel

Message of greeting

Dr. Dietmar Woidke, Minister-President of the State of Brandenburg

Speeches

Ib Katznelson, survivor of Ravensbrück concentration camp
Dr. Irina Sherbakova, founding member of the human rights organization Memorial

Musical accompaniment

Céline Bocquillon (vocals), Katharzina Wiczerzak (double bass), Renaud Cayla (guitar)

Religious remembrance

The Ravensbrück prayer, Barbara Piotrowska, survivor of Ravensbrück concentration camp
Kaddisch, Cantor Mimi Sheffer, Cantor Issak Sheffer, Berlin

Laying wreaths at the memorial statue Burdened Woman

- » square in front of the former Kommandantur

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- » former waterworks

12:30 **Catholic memorial service in Polish**

- » former cell building
Organized by the Polish Catholic Mission in the Archdiocese Berlin.

13:00 **Remembering lesbian women and girls**

- » new memorial site
Organized by the Autonomous Feminist Women and Lesbians from Germany and Austria Initiative.

15:00 **“Staying Human” – Interreligious remembrance**

Walking along the way stations across the site

- » meet at the square in front of the former Kommandantur at 14:45 hrs
Organized by the “Zukunftswerkstatt interreligiöses Gedenken” Working Group.

Sunday, 30 April 2023

16:00 **International forum of the second and third generations (online)**

Platform of exchange for relatives of former prisoners
Moderated by Dr. Matthias Heyl and Dr. Andrea Genest
Languages: English, French, Polish and German with simultaneous interpretation

Please register under paedagogik@ravensbrueck.de

By participating in the event, you agree to be photographed and allow organizers to use the images for documentation of and internal reports about the event and publish them on the internet. In addition, the images may also be made available to media representatives on request.

Please refrain from carrying banners or clothes with political statements at the commemorative ceremony. Signs and symbols of former detainees associations are accepted.