

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Peter Joseph Lenné 2016 – 200 years of Park Glienicke**

**A comprehensive programme of events in south-west Berlin will mark Lenné's anniversary year in 2016**

To mark the 200th anniversary of Park Glienicke in south-west Berlin, the district of Steglitz-Zehlendorf – together with Regionalmanagement Berlin SÜDWEST and numerous partners – will pay tribute to the Prussian Royal Garden Director Peter Joseph Lenné (1789-1866).

Lenné played a very important role in shaping the cultural landscape of Berlin and Potsdam. In 1816 he was commissioned to landscape Park Glienicke by Prince Karl August von Hardenberg, and he continued this work for the park's subsequent owner, Prince Carl of Prussia. Glienicke was where Lenné and the architect Karl Friedrich Schinkel worked together for the first time. The two men went on to have a significant impact on shaping Berlin, Potsdam and large parts of the surrounding Havel river landscape in the years that followed.

The Glienicke landscape park covers 90 hectares and is situated right next to the bridge of the same name. Together with the park belonging to Glienicke Hunting Lodge and Peacock Island – also redesigned by Lenné – and the parks of Potsdam, it makes up the UNESCO World Heritage site “Palaces and Parks of Potsdam and Berlin”.

In 2016 over 30 events for adults and children will take place, with the aim of introducing more people to the exceptional garden designer and landscape architect Peter Joseph Lenné and his work. The year of anniversary celebrations will begin with a morning concert and ceremony at Glienicke Palace on 23 January 2016, 150 years to the day that Lenné died. The keynote speaker will be Prof. Dr Michael Rohde, Director of the Garden Department at the Prussian Palaces and Gardens Foundation Berlin-Brandenburg. The programme also includes Lenné-themed walking tours in Park Glienicke, plus lectures and talks about Lenné and his work in Berlin and Potsdam. The Secret State Archives Prussian Cultural Heritage will offer a glimpse of original Lenné documents, the Royal Garden Academy (Königliche Gartenakademie) will answer the most important seasonal gardening questions, the Peter Lenné School Berlin will give tips about what flowers can be planted alongside roses and there will be a joint programme of events for adults and children in the former Royal Gardener Academy (Königliche Gärtnerlehranstalt). In addition, there will be hands-on gardening activities and readings for children in the Botanic Garden, a premiere of the film “Glienicke, mein Augapfel” on 7 June 2016 and an outdoor concert on 16 July 2016 in Park Glienicke. The year of anniversary celebrations for Lenné will be rounded off with an awards ceremony on 25 November 2016 at the Academy of Arts, Hanseatenweg, where the Peter Joseph Lenné Prize of the State of Berlin will be presented.

A Lenné website has been set up for the anniversary year. It provides information about Lenné himself, Lenné-related sites in Berlin and regional and national Lenné-themed initiatives.

On 23 January 2016 the Lenné app will be unveiled. It will then be available for download – free of charge – from the App Store and the Google Play Store. The app was designed especially for the Lenné anniversary and takes users on a multimedia tour of Park Glienicke. There are plans to develop it into a comprehensive Lenné guide over the next few years.

On 22 March 2016 a special Riesling “1a” wine produced by the Bad Kreuznach State Winery to mark the Lenné anniversary will be presented at Gutshaus Steglitz.

The brochure “Glienicke, mein Augapfel – Peter Joseph Lenné 2016, 200 Jahre Park Glienicke” (available in German only) provides more information about the programme of events. It can be downloaded at [www.peter-joseph-lenne.de](http://www.peter-joseph-lenne.de).

The patron of the 2016 Lenné anniversary celebrations is Dr Barbara Hendricks, Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety. The event partners are the Botanic Garden and Botanical Museum Berlin, the Deutsche Bundesgartenschau Gesellschaft mbH, the EBC University Campus Berlin, the Senate Department for Urban Development and the Environment / Grün Berlin GmbH (awarding authority of the Peter Joseph Lenné Prize), Kulturmanagement Berlin, Lenné-Akademie für Gartenbau und Gartenkultur e.V., the Peter Lenné School (Oberstufenzentrum Natur und Umwelt), Peter Lenné (Essen), the Stabsstelle für Denkmalschutz und UNESCO-Welterbe / Senate Department for Urban Development and the Environment, the Prussian Palaces and Gardens Foundation Berlin-Brandenburg and VisitBerlin. The Lenné anniversary events were initiated and put together by Regionalmanagement Berlin SÜDWEST.

Further information is available at <http://www.peter-joseph-lenne.de> and <http://www.rm-berlin-sw.de>.

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