OPER! AWARDS 2027
Oper Köln receives Honorary Award for outstanding achievement during renovation interim

Award ceremony on 22 February 2027 at the Oper Köln (Cologne)

Köln, 18 November 2026 – The Oper Köln is to receive the Honorary Award of the OPER! AWARDS, a distinction presented this year in place of the regular award in the "Best Opera House" category. It recognizes the exceptional achievement of the people on and behind the stage who, throughout the extensive, 14-year renovation and the interim seasons it entailed, made artistic excellence possible despite extremely difficult conditions.

The Honorary Award will be presented on 22 February 2027 at the OPER! AWARDS gala at the Oper Köln (Cologne). The winners in the remaining 19 categories will also be announced and honoured in person that evening. Ticket sales will start in mid-December.

The OPER! AWARDS are Germany's only international opera award presented publicly. Each year they recognise outstanding artists and opera professionals from around the world. The winners in all 20 categories are selected by a jury of music journalists and opera critics.

"Fourteen years in interim venues, far too long: that meant permanent improvisation, endless new planning and enormous challenges. The Oper Köln has come through this period with impressive resilience and adaptability, reinventing itself again and again in changing venues and while maintaining its high artistic standards. This was made possible by all those who, with their creativity, flexibility and passion, defied adversity as well as political and planning missteps, and ensured that outstanding music theatre could be created even under these circumstances. This Honorary Award is for them", says Ulrich Ruhnke, Chairman of the Jury of the OPER! AWARDS.

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