

Message

from the Governing Mayor of Berlin, Klaus Wowereit,
for the “United Buddy Bears” exhibition in Buenos Aires
from 5 March to 13 April 2009

Dear People of Buenos Aires,


On behalf of the people of Berlin, I would like to convey the very best regards of Germany’s capital city on the occasion of the United Buddy Bears exhibition at the Plaza San Martín.

Our Buddy Bears have already traveled many thousands of miles, visited numerous countries, and delighted countless people. They have now arrived in Buenos Aires, the partner city that is geographically farthest from Berlin. This visit underscores the strength and vitality of our city partnership, which is celebrating its 15th anniversary this year.

The bears, painted by artists from all over the world, are both a tangible piece of Berlin in Argentina’s capital city and a symbol of the desire for peace, freedom, and international understanding. Each one of these bears represents a member of the United Nations. With this visit, we in the formerly divided city of Berlin – which is celebrating the 20th anniversary of the peaceful revolution and the fall of the Berlin Wall this year – are greeting our friends and partners around the world.

In this spirit, I would like to wish the people of Buenos Aires and their guests many hours of fun and reflection with our Berlin Buddy Bears. I would also like to thank the city government of Buenos Aires for serving as the patron of this exhibition. Berlin looks forward to continuing its productive cooperation with

Buenos Aires and to many valuable encounters between the people of our cities.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Klaus Wowereit'.

Klaus Wowereit

Governing Mayor of Berlin