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## **Pole vaulting at the INIT INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe 2023 becoming increasingly high-profile**

**Braz, Lightfoot and Holzdeppe also set to participate / Small contingent of tickets goes on sale next week / Meeting to be live streamed**

The starting field of pole vaulters at the INIT INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe is becoming increasingly high profile. The two top German jumpers Bo Kanda Lita Baehre and Oleg Zernikel are now joined by two six-metre jumpers and one who has fond memories of the INIT INDOOR MEETING. First, as one of the illustrious circle of six-metre jumpers, is the Brazilian Thiago Braz, a highly decorated as Olympic champion at the Rio 2016 Games and silver medallist at Tokyo 2020, with a personal best of 6.03 metres. Who can forget his epic duel with Renaud Lavillenie at the 2016 Olympic Games, which he won? Thiago Braz also competed at the INIT INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe, but failed to make an attempt. At that meeting in 2018, Raphael Holzdeppe won with a personal indoor best of 5.88 metres. Now the 33-year-old Holzdeppe, who won the bronze medal at the London Games in 2012 and became world champion in Moscow a year later, wants to make a new start in Karlsruhe after a knee injury that cost him his fourth Olympic participation. In addition, KC Lightfoot is an athlete who thrilled spectators last year by taking second place with his strong jump of over 5.89 metres. He was only beaten by Armand Duplantis, who jumped a meeting record that day. The best mark of the 23-year-old US boy, who finished fourth at the Olympic Games in Tokyo, is exactly six metres.

The INIT INDOOR MEETING has sold out earlier than ever before. All tickets had already been sold out before Christmas. Those who were unable to get hold of one of the 3,000 tickets for the INIT INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe need not be sad. Due to returning contingents from partners and sponsors as well as technical blockages, there will be another small contingent of tickets. This will be available online via [www.ticketmaster.de](http://www.ticketmaster.de) this coming week. The exact time will be announced on the meeting's social media channels. The sports pictures from Karlsruhe are broadcast nationally and worldwide. SWR will be streaming from Exhibition Hall 3 on the day of the meeting from 18:30. In addition, the meeting will be broadcast worldwide by currently 19 broadcasters in around 60 countries, including in South and Central America as well as Australia.

For more information about the INIT INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe, please visit [www.meeting-karlsruhe.de](http://www.meeting-karlsruhe.de) and the meeting's social networks.



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27.01.2023: INIT INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe (Karlsruhe, GER)  
04.02.2023: New Balance Indoor Grand Prix (Boston, USA)  
08.02.2023: Copernicus Cup (Torun, POL)  
11.02.2023: Millrose Games (New York, USA)  
15.02.2023: Meeting Hauts-de-France Pas-de-Calais (Liévin, FRA)  
22.02.2023: Villa de Madrid (Madrid, ESP)  
25.02.2023: Müller Indoor Grand Prix (Birmingham, GBR)

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