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World record holder 3,000 metres, Beatrice Chepkoech, to compete in the INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe

A test of strength between the strong women in shot put / INDOOR MEETING live in full length on SWR Sport Online

Karlsruhe can look forward to welcoming the world record holder. **Beatrice Chepkoech** from Kenya, the current world record holder in the 3,000 metres steeplechase, has confirmed that she will be at the starting line for the INDOOR MEETING this coming Friday, 29 January 2021. Although you won't find any hurdles at the INDOOR MEETING, her start in the women's 3,000 metres promises a record time, as her personal best indoors is 8:39.15 minutes. But her fabled world record at the Diamond League Meeting in Monaco outshines all of this, when she beat the previously held world record of Ruth Jebet from Bahrain by more than eight seconds with her time of 8:44.32 minutes, pulverising Jebet's steeplechase world record. Chepkoech has already experienced the INDOOR MEETING. Last year, she was at the 1,500 metres starting line at the INDOOR MEETING and landed in fourth place.

Someone whose personal best indoors is slightly faster than Chepkoech's is **Melissa Courtney-Bryant**. The British athlete celebrated her greatest international success at the 2019 European Indoor Championships in Glasgow. She secured the bronze medal there with a personal best time of 8:38.22 minutes, ultimately only losing out to Konstanze Klosterhalfen from Germany and her compatriot, Laura Muir. But she already showed what she had to offer under the hall roof a month before her success in Glasgow. At the INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe, still under the name Melissa Courtney, she won with her world personal best of the year of 8:43.36 minutes, ahead of Alemaz Samuel from Ethiopia. At the end of the World Athletics Indoor Tour, the 27-year-old was in second place behind Alemaz Samuel, who she was able to outpace in Karlsruhe. In 2021, the British athlete will be at the start again, this time under the name Courtney-Bryant, having married decathlete Ashley Bryant at the end of 2019.

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The third introduction is for **Fantu Worku**, who is only 21. The Ethiopian athlete gathered experience in 2016 at the African Championships in Durban. In the same year, she won silver at the U20 World Championships and a year later, silver at the Junior African World Championships – both over 1,500 metres. However, her greatest international success was on 30 March 2019 when she won the gold medal in the 4 x 2 kilometres mixed relay in Aarhus, Denmark. Fantu Worku also knows how to win at the INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe. Last year, she won in Karlsruhe in 8:37.58 minutes, which is her personal best in the indoor event.

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There will be a test of strength between the strong women at the women's shot put event during the World Athletics Indoor Tour. No less than Germany's shot put queen, **Christina Schwanitz**, will be making her mark at the INDOOR MEETING in the battle for the podium. Schwanitz knows exactly how to win the tour. In 2019, the last time the women's shot put was part of the world tour, Dresden-born Schwanitz won the World Athletics Indoor Tour after wins in Boston, Torun, and Düsseldorf. Karlsruhe can look forward to welcoming this world-class athlete. A look at her previous successes speak for themselves: World Champion 2015, European Champion 2014 and 2016, Indoor World Champion 2013, and German Champion multiple times outdoors and indoors. After an 18-month break from competition, Christina Schwanitz is now back with success. With a throw of 19.11 at the meeting in Chemnitz early in the season, she already broke the standard for the European Indoor Championships in Torun at the beginning of March.

At the INDOOR MEETING, she will encounter, among others, **Chase Ealey**, who is currently in fourth place in the shot put world rankings. The 26-year-old American celebrated her greatest sporting successes at the national championships in 2019 and 2020.

In 2019, she secured the national title outdoors with 19.56 metres and in 2019 and 2020, she won gold at the national US Championships in both New York and Albuquerque.

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Due to the coronavirus pandemic, this year's INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe is taking place without spectators. Having said that, fans will not have to do without athletics. The INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe will be available to watch in full length on 29 January from 6:35 p.m. via SWR Sport's live stream. SWR Sport will broadcast live images from the Karlsruhe Europahalle via the website, as well as the YouTube channel. The INDOOR MEETING is also available on Internet-enabled televisions through the ARD/SWR Mediathek.

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You can find additional information about the INDOOR MEETING KARLSRUHE, an exact schedule, and the live stream on the meeting day at www.meeting-karlsruhe.de.

As a founding member of the World Athletics Indoor Tour, the athletics venue Karlsruhe has been an integral part of the international athletics calendar with its INDOOR MEETING since 2016. In 2021, the INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe held on 29 January 2021 will mark the beginning of the World Athletics Indoor Tour. Other events include the meetings at Liévin, France (9 February), Boston, USA (13 February), Torun, Poland (17 February) as well as the conclusion of the tour in Madrid, Spain (24 February).

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