

**Life ball debutantes 2018: application period runs until 14.3.2018**

Apply now and become part of the Life Ball opening show

On June 2, 2018 the 25th Life Ball will take place in front of, and in, the Vienna City Hall with a homage to the cult film "The Sound of Music". Following the Viennese ball tradition, the ball will be opened for the ninth time by a debutante committee. The arrival of the 100 debutante couples is a central element of the Life Ball opening ceremony on Vienna's Rathausplatz attracting the attention of the audience at the event, as well as those watching on TV.

The debutante couples not only contribute to the good cause with their appearance, but also have a unique opportunity to experience the entire opening ceremony up close and personal. The young ladies and gentlemen are choreographed and directed by no one other than Prof. Thomas Schäfer-Elmayer and professional dancing star Thomas Kraml. In addition, the debutantes get to appreciate spectacular outfits every year: in 2011 they appeared with magenta-colored flamingo hats to match the theme "air", in 2012 they wore 600 illuminated flames as head and hand accessories. In 2013, they opened the evening in turbans and harem pants decorated with over 10,000 Swarovski elements. Most recently they wore costumes in exaggerated paper doll-aesthetic at the opening of the Life Ball 2017, which underwent changes during the performance.

**Application & casting**

Interested couples between 18 and 29 years of age, who have completed at least one silver dance course, please register with details of age, height, clothing size as well as a photo and a confirmation of the dance course by March 14 at. [debutanten@lifeball.org](mailto:debutanten@lifeball.org).

A show training session with Thomas Kraml and the tournament dancers will take place on Sunday, March 18 at 9:30 a.m. at the Tanzschule Kraml (Palais Eschenbach, Getreidemarkt 12,1010, Vienna).

Casting of the amateur dancers will then take place at 11 a.m. at the Tanzschule Elmayer (Bräunerstraße 13,1010 Vienna).

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**Show training & debutantes casting**

**Accreditation for media**

We look forward  
to welcoming you at the show training:  
Sunday, March 18 at 9:30 a.m.  
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Getreidemarkt 12, 1010 Vienna

Debutantes casting  
Sunday, March 18, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.  
Tanzschule Elmayer, Bräunerstraße 13, 1010 Vienna

Gery Keszler, Prof. Thomas Schäfer-Elmayer, professional dancing star Thomas Kraml and the candidates for the Debutante Committee are available for interviews.

Thank you for registering at [presse@lifeball.org](mailto:presse@lifeball.org).

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