

Life Ball 2019: Submit your application as a debutant for the opening show now!

The 26th Life Ball relies on diversity. For the first time, it is looking for applicants aged 18 to 75.

Prof. Thomas Schäfer-Elmayer and Dancing-Star pro Thomas Kraml will prepare the Life Ball debutants for the opening show on 8 June 2019. They will also help Gery Keszler choose the best couples during a casting at the Elmayer dancing school. Applications can be submitted now through www.lifeplus.org.

"Even though we at the Life Ball are best known for breaking conventions, our opening show has always been aligned with Viennese ball culture. Any ball should have its own committee of young ladies and gentlemen. However, we will break this tradition this year. True to our slogan 'United in Diversity', we have extended the age range for debutants considerably. We look forward to seeing fit, likeable, dynamic dancing couples with a young attitude. Dancers aged 18 to 75 who want to not only experience the Life Ball up close but also help actively design it can now apply," says Gery Keszler, the chairman of LIFE+ and organiser of the Life Ball. The 26th Life Ball is the tenth to be opened by a debutant committee. 100 couples will march onto the City Hall Square to open the ball before an audience of millions.

Elaborate costumes and professional dancers as "coaches"

The Elmayer and Kraml dancing schools will once again take care of the debutants. Prof. Thomas Schäfer-Elmayer and Dancing-Star pro Thomas Kraml both already have Life Ball experience. They will professionally support the couples who prevail against their competition in the casting. The costumes of the debutant dancers are a perfect highlight every single year. Among other things, we have had magenta-coloured flamingo hats, light-up flames on the heads and hands, turbans and pantaloons decorated with 10,000 Swarovski elements, ensembles in a paper-doll look and stylised nuns so far. We are excited to see the new spectacular outfits for 2019.

The application procedure and casting

Interested couples between 18 and 75 years must have completed at least a silver-level dancing course. Please apply under the following link, including your age, size, clothing size and a photograph, along with confirmation of your dancing course, by 20 March 2019: [Register](#)

Casting of the amateur dancers will take place on two subsequent dates at the Tanzschule Elmayer (Bräunerstraße 13, A-1010 Vienna). The participants will be informed separately.

Aviso Press Conference:

Debutant casting

Sunday, 17 March 2019, noon

Tanzschule Elmayer, Bräunerstraße 13, A-1010 Vienna

Gery Keszler, Prof. **Thomas Schäfer-Elmayer**, Dancing-Star pro **Thomas Kraml** and the **applicants** for the **debutant committee** will be available to you for interviews.

We request your accreditation via presse@lifeball.org by 14 March 2019.

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