

Announcement at the show to be held as part of the Festival

“Improv Meets Autism”:

Hello and good evening, welcome to today's show! This show is part of the festival “Improv Meets Autism”, centred in Berlin Germany and held with the support of groups all over Germany, the world and also here!!

The festival “Improv Meets Autism” is a fundraising event as part of our ongoing efforts to bring to the world the idea of how something like Improv can radically transform lives. Something like Improv you might ask? Yes!

Christiane and Deniz Dohler, parents of three-year old Luka Dohler, learned that their son is autistic when he was one and half years old. After some searching for a program that could help their child learn better and develop, they finally came across a program called the Son-Rise program, (spelt son as in son). That program distinguished itself in one aspect: it does not pity the boy but rather tries to make it fun and less and less overwhelming for him to be in contact with this complicated world around him.

How does it do that? Easy! With the same principles that in Improv make it fun and worthwhile to be on stage with other players. Luka has a playroom in their apartment where everything is accepted and every impulse he might give into the playing is transformed in the most exciting and fun play. And this is how he develops fun, confidence and trust.

Since Luka has changed and is developing tremendously and since we have seen this program can magically transform everyone's lives by acceptance and trust, we want to support other families with it, as well. We really thank you so much for your supporting us in our cause tonight and would like to point you to our website – ArtistsMeetsAutism.org – check it out! You will find a link to the Festival program in Berlin and worldwide. Be in touch with any questions or input you can give us.

Thank you and enjoy the show!