



# OVERVIEW SPEAKER

## 23RD - 25TH OF JUNE 2017

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### DR. MADAN KATARIA UND MADHURI | INDIA

The founders of the global Laughter Yoga Movement.  
*Presence:* Ambassador's Day, Global Laughter Prayer for Peace, Open Air Laughter Session, Picknick  
*Keynote speech:* opening and closing ceremonies, talk show

- > Emotional Intelligence | LHM | Fri 09.00 am–12.00 noon | Room 1
- > Women Power in Indian Laughter Clubs | LGN | Sun 10.15–10.45 am | Auditorium



### LAURA CHAPLIN | SWITZERLAND

She is committed to the legacy of her grandfather Charlie Chaplin and also to the fact that laughter and humor as human rights are to be included in the UN Charter  
*Keynote speech*

- > Laughter is the first step to happiness | JE | Fri 05.00–06.00 pm | Auditorium



### LOLITA AUCOURT | FRANCE

She is well known for her dynamism and joy. Especially games she loves! Together with her husband Fabrice Loizeau she organizes the Mandala Performance in the park, which is to be filmed from above.

- > Laughter Yoga Human Mandala | LEJ | Fri 07.15–07.45 pm | Auditorium



### ALEX BANNES | GERMANY

Expert on personality development asks critically ...

- > Is laughing enough to live a happier life? | LHM | Fri 07.15–07.45 pm | Room 1



### KHEVIN BARNES | USA

Composes a musical about male breast cancer.

- > Laughter through breast cancer | LHM | Sat 05.00–05.30 pm | Auditorium



### GAGA BARNES | USA

The founder of the original Laughter-Yoga-on-the-Phone-Program, has inspired thousands of people all over the world. Google less – Giggle more!

- > The importance of Laughter connecting between people and its impact on world peace | LGN | Sat 05.45–06.15 pm | Auditorium



### CHRISTIAN BÁRTOLI | VENEZUELA

Belongs to the CONCIENRISATE Team, which performs spectacular campaigns in the streets of Venezuela in order to increase awareness to the power for peace through smile and laughter.

- > #CONCIENRISATE | LGN | Sun 10.15–10.45 am | Room 1



### BAT SHACHAR WEINFELD | ISRAEL

A neurobiologist who specializes in Laughter Yoga games, improvisation and playback theatre.

- > Laughter games and improvisation | LEJ | Sun 11.00–11.30 am | Room 2





**DAVE BERMAN | USA**

Rocks the Laughter Yoga movement in social media with „Daily Laughters“!

> **The impact of a Daily Laughter Practice | LE | Sun 11.45 am–12.15 pm | Auditorium**



**PIOTR BIELSKI | POLAND**

Spreads Laughter Yoga creative, dynamic and successful throughout Poland.

> **Laughter Yoga in Poland | LE | Sat 01.30–02.00 pm | Room 2**



**JEFFREY BRIAR | USA**

Multitalent from California and master of the fantasy language “Gibberish”.

> **Gibberish for Emotional Expression plus Laughter Kirtan | LEJ | Sun 09.00–10.00 am | Auditorium**



**ROSSANA CARRASCO QUEIJEIRO | MEXICO**

Reaches thousands of people with Laughter Yoga in Mexico City.

> **Laughter runs through our veins | LGN | Sat 03.30–04.00 pm | Auditorium**



**SYLVIE DAGENAIS-DOUVILLE | CANADA**

Children’s books author with deep experiences with cancer survivors.

> **Laughter Yoga with cancer patients and their families | LHM | Sat 12.00 noon–12.30 pm | Auditorium**



**GISELA DOMBROWSKY | GERMANY**

Is very active and experienced in every field of Laughter Yoga, brings a whole railway wagon to laughter and is committed to a laughing education.

> **Kids need to laugh | LE | Sat 05.45–06.15 pm | Room 1**



**ALEXA DRUBAY | USA**

Is a very committed Laughter Ambassador, who brings people together.

> **Global Ambassador’s Day | LGN | Thu 09.00 am–04.30 pm | venue “Saalbau Gutleut”**



**SUSANN DUSS | SWITZERLAND**

Painted the GLYC’s Mandala “All we need is Laugh, Peace and Laughter” and leads us to a deep emotional relationship to the heart.

> **Heart and cheerfulness | LHM | Sat 11.15–11.45 am | Room 2**



**NINA FUCHS | AUSTRIA**

Is laughing daily since more than 3 years with her team at her pharmacy in Vienna.

> **Laughing pharmacy – work place health promotion | LB | Sat 05.00–05.30 pm | Room 2**



**LUIS GOMEZ | MEXICO**

Has made Laughter Yoga with over 6,000 prison inmates in Mexico and other countries.

> **Soy libre – I’m free! | LL | Sa 08.00–08.30 pm, Auditorium**



**STUART GOODMAN | SWITZERLAND**

An extraordinary person with excellent coach qualities.

> **Let’s face it – faces character reading | LEJ | Fri 06.30–07.00 pm | Auditorium**



**ROBIN GRAHAM | UK**

Has launched the UK National Laughter Week on the occasion of the Olympic Games in London, which is now held every year.

> **UK National Laughter Week and more amazing topics | LB | Sat 03.30–04.00 pm | Room 2**





**EGBERT GRIEBELING | GERMANY**

Has developed a dance therapy method called LaughterDanza.

> **Friday Night get-together-program | LEJ |**  
Fri 08.30–10.00 pm | Auditorium



**THOMAS GRÜNSCHLÄGER | GERMANY-FRANCE**

Lives as a commuter between the two countries and builds a network of non-profit so-called burnout cafes.

> **Laughing World Café | LEJ |**  
Sat 02.15–03.15 pm | Auditorium



**JULIA HAGEMANN | GERMANY**

Sings, laughs, performs as musical comedian and she gives seminars in all the subjects she likes. At the conference she puts her nose everywhere.

> **Tiramisu for the soul – Laughter and the BDV-Method | LEJ |**  
Sat 06.30–07.00 pm | Raum 1



**SAE HAYASHI | JAPAN**

As an event manager she promotes Laughter Yoga in the big cities of Japan and builds bridges to India.

> **Open the door to the possibilities of life | LHM |**  
Sat 09.45–10.15 am | Room 2



**MAKI KAWAKAMI | JAPAN**

Many challenges in her life led her to Laughter Yoga. Today, she is the official spokeswoman for the Laughter Yoga International University (LYIU), bringing Laughter Yoga to Japan.

> **Laughter Yoga in Japan | LGN |**  
Sat 07.15–07.45 pm | Auditorium



**DIANE KICHIJITSU | JAPAN**

The well-known Rakugo comedian from Liverpool, learned the true meaning of laughter in the evacuation centers after the devastating tsunami.

> **Global Laughter Talent Show: Rakugo, Japanese Sit-Down Comedy | LEJ | Sat 08.30 pm | Auditorium**



**SUSANNE KLAUS | GERMANY**

Inspires people in companies and at events through Laughter Yoga with her infectious authenticity in combination with her experience in leading position.

> **Laughter Yoga for companies and events | LB |**  
Sat 12.45–01.15 pm | Room 1



**HEDWIG KOCH-MÜNCH | GERMANY**

Leads 3 Laughter Clubs, goes to rehabilitation clinics, companies and kindergartens, writes books and theater pieces.

> **When the Sun lost its laughter | LE |**  
Sat 05.45–06.15 pm | Room 2



**BRIGITTE KOTTWITZ | GERMANY**

Pioneer of the German Laughter Yoga movement, artist and supporter of the GLYC. Installation of the 'Laughing Church Spires' on the occasion of the GLYC.

> **Lachclub.info and laughter yoga on the internet | LB |**  
Sat 04.15–04.45 pm | Room 1



**GUNDULA KRAUSE | GERMANY**

Psychologist and musician with love for Irish sounds. She has composed especially for the GLYC the song „Giggling Gig“ with the band Wintergreen Goblins.

> **Music makes you laugh and smile | LEJ |**  
Sat 01.30–02.00 pm | Auditorium





**CAROLYN KRÜGER | GERMANY**

Artist, programmer and supporter of the GLYC. Since 2005 she has operated the website Lachclub.info for all Laughter Clubs in Germany. Installation laughing church spires.

> **Presentation about Lachclub.info and Laughter Yoga on the internet | LB | Sat 04.15–04.45 pm | Room 1**



**LINDA LECLERC | CANADA**

Pioneer of the Laughter Yoga movement in North America and founder of the international women's community HAHA-Sisterhood™.

> **HAHA-Sisterhood™ | LGN | Sun 11.00–11.30 am | Auditorium**



**ALIDA VAN LEEUWEN | NETHERLANDS**

The psychologist specializing in humor, positive thinking and mindfulness works as a laughter therapist with individual coaching.

> **Individual Laughter coaching | LHM | Sat 09.45–10.15 am | Room 1**



**GABRIELA LEPELT-REMMEL | GERMANY**

Responsible for the GLYC. Feels as Global Laughter Ambassador.

> **Chicken Laughter in Mekong village | LGN | Sat 07.45–08.00 pm | Auditorium**



**RÜDIGER LEWIN | GERMANY**

Shows that the quality of life of women after breast cancer surgery improves through Laughter Yoga.

> **Presentation of Laughter Yoga research with breast cancer patients | LL | Sat 11.15–11.45 am | Auditorium**



**UTE LIEBHARD | GERMANY**

Thinks that regular laughter increases self-efficacy and resilience.

> **Grandma laughs again | LB | Sat 12.00 noon–12.30 pm | Room 2**



**FABRICE LOIZEAU | FRANCE**

Is director of the French School of Positivity and works with a team of experts for happiness and optimism

> **Laughter Yoga Mandala with people | LEJ | Fri 07.15–07.45 pm | Auditorium**



**LARA LUCCACIONI | ITALY**

Has opened more than 120 Laughter Clubs in Italy in just two years!

> **Laughter Connection | LYU | Sat 11.15–11.45 am | Room 1**



**ANGELA MECKING | GERMANY**

Her long-term commitment has strengthened the Laughter Yoga community in Berlin and Germany sustainably.

> **Networking for Laughter Yoga professionals – success story in Germany | LYU | Sat 06.30–07.00 pm | Auditorium**  
> **Shower of Resources – all qualities for success are within you | LHM | Sun 11.00–11.30 am | Room 1**



**LAURENZ MENZINGER | GERMANY**

Is expert for “Happiness at Work” and team development.

> **Joyfulness through laughing, playing and dancing | LEJ | Fri 06.30–07.00 pm | Room 1**



**LOTTE MIKKELSEN | UK**

Her contribution to spread Laughter Yoga in the UK is unique. With her company UnitedMind, she offers solutions in conflict and communication management.

> **The impact of Laughter on Neurological Disorders | LL | Sat 12.45–01.15 pm | Auditorium**





**MICHI MORIOKA | JAPAN**

Recognized instinctively after the devastating Tsunami in 2011, the great healing power of Laughter Yoga for traumatized people.

> **The healing power of Laughter Yoga after the Tsunami in Japan | LHM | Sat 04.15–04.45 pm | Auditorium**



**MONIKA MÜKSCH | AUSTRIA**

In spite of sports studies, dancing and acting career, her joy in humor and singing always wins the upper hand.

> **Chant your way to happiness and beauty! | LEJ | Sat 05.00–05.30 pm | Room 1**



**MERV NEAL | AUSTRALIA**

Has initiated as Australia's leading gelotologist scientific investigations with dialysis patients. He also advises regular Laughter Yoga professionals in business matters including Dr. Kataria.

> **Is research necessary? | LL | Sat 10.30–11.00 am | Auditorium**



**MARIELA NETS | ISRAEL**

Known as the woman who laughs like a Subaru, while teaching Laughter Yoga in Hebrew, Spanish, and English, she connects many people of different backgrounds.

> **Laughing for Peace | LGN | Sat 12.00 noon–12.30 pm | Room 1**



**NOBUKATSU (NOBY) OKUBO | JAPAN**

Runs a Laughter Yoga research institute and inspires particularly the younger generation.

> **Connecting to nature by Gibberish | LEJ | Sat 12.45–01.15 pm | Room 2**



**CINZIA PERROTTA | ITALY**

The young pedagogue has opened a Laughter Club in the Roman prison of Rebibbia and says that this is the best experience of her life.

> **Lion Laughter in the Roman prison of Rebibbia | LE | Sat 03.30–04.00 pm | Room 1**



**JULIEN PESCHOT | FRANCE**

A thoroughbred comedian, has found with Laughter Yoga something, with which he can express his playful soul.

> **Play without limits | LEJ | Sat 10.30–11.00 am | Room 1**



**MARGOT REGELE | ITALY**

Is the lucky goddess of Meran (Italy). She enchants everybody with her charisma.

> **Unfold your inner happiness | LHM | Fri 07.15–07.45 pm | Room 2**



**SILVIA RÖSSLER | GERMANY**

Leads among others dance groups, and in her book she has bravely discussed the taboo subject, whether laughing is permitted when one is sad.

> **Laughter despite all this | LHM | Sat 10.30–11.00 am | Room 2**



**FRANCESCA RUCCI | ITALY**

Is a dancer and choreographer trained by the London Royal Academy of Dance. She has created her own dance form, the Joy Dance®.

> **Joy Dance® - a new, unique method | LEJ | Fri from 08.30 pm | Auditorium**



**MATI SIDES | ISRAEL**

Trains Laughter Yoga Leaders and clinic clowns and inspires people as storyteller.

> **Laughter exercises from Israel | LEJ |**  
**Sat 4.15-4.45 pm | Room 2**

**VIJAY KUMAR SINGH | SWITZERLAND**

As a journalist, he frequently travels to India where he met Dr. Kataria. Since then, they have been close friends. He moderates the ...

> **Talkshow with Madhuri und Dr. Madan Kataria | LEJ |**  
**Fri 08.00-08.30 pm | Auditorium**

**ANNE SINTIC | GERMANY**

The engineer lives her creative sides through Laughter Yoga and as singer of the Irish folk band „Wintergreen Goblins“.

> **Play and sing – live in swing | LEJ |**  
**Fri 06.30-07.00 pm | Room 2**

**FRANCISCO SOARES | VENEZUELA**

Says, in a world where everybody hates without a reason, we choose to laugh without a reason. This happens with creative #CONCIENRISATE actions among the people on the streets of Caracas, along with Christian Bártoli and others.

> **#CONCIENRISATE | LGN |**  
**Sun 10.15-10.45 am | Room 1**

**KEYEM THOMEZ | BAHRAIN**

Is decisively involved in spreading Laughter Yoga in Bahrain, the Middle East and other Arab countries.

> **Live life laughingly | LHM |**  
**Sat 09.45-10.15 am | Auditorium**

**HELEN THYRVIN | SWEDEN**

Brought Laughter Yoga into South African Shantytowns and moderated at Berkeley University (USA) for “Greater Good Science-based Practices for a meaningful life“.

> **Are you too busy to be happy? | LB |**  
**Sat 01.30-02.00 pm | Room 1**

**THOMAS RAHI TOPOLANEK | AUSTRIA**

The Viennese artist found his hearty laughter back through Laughter Yoga. His project “Laugh around the world“ Challenge many new ideas for the good cause are to be generated. Everyone can participate!

> **Laugh around the world challenge | LGN |**  
**Sun 01.30-02.00 pm | Auditorium**

**MAARTEN VOSS | NETHERLANDS**

Is the founder of the Laughter Club Amsterdam. He reaches the most varied people with Laughter Yoga.

> **Safe laughing with everybody | LEJ |**  
**Sun 10.15-10.45 am | Room 2**

**> ANY QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS?**

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