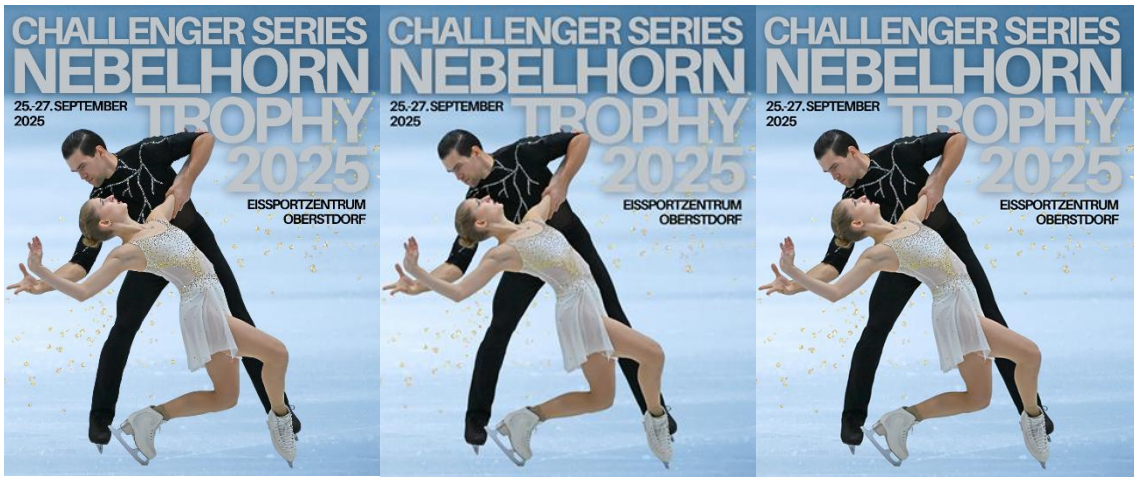

World class figure skaters to compete at 57th Nebelhorn Trophy

World, European and even an Olympic Champion start into the Olympic season at the 57th Nebelhorn Trophy September 25 to 27 in Oberstdorf, Germany. The Pair Skating event will be a special highlight when European Champions and German stars Minerva Hase/Nikita Volodin will face the reigning World Champions Riku Miura/Ryuichi Kihara of Japan. The Japanese duo narrowly edged out Hase/Volodin for the gold at Worlds in Boston. What will happen now in Oberstdorf on home ice when Hase/Volodin enter their first competition of the season? The leaders are joined by 2024 European Champions Lucrezia Beccari/Matteo Guarise (Italy) as well as by the top U.S. team Alisa Efimova/Misha Mitrofanov.

European Champion Lukas Britschgi of Switzerland gets his season underway in his training base in Oberstdorf. The challenge should come from some 'old friends' that have come to the Nebelhorn Trophy a few times in the past and left with medals: 2022 European bronze medalist Deniss Vasiljevs (Latvia), Italy's Gabriele Frangipani as well as the entertaining Kazuki Tomono of Japan. Another one to watch is one of the top U.S. men, Andrew Torgashev.

Reigning ISU Grand Prix Final Champion Amber Glenn (USA) and 2024 World silver medalist Isabeau Levito (USA) will meet current World bronze medalist Mone Chiba (Japan) and her teammate Hana Yoshida that comes armed with a triple Axel. Four-time World Junior silver medalist Jia Shin (Korea) competes in her first senior-level season.

All eyes will be on the Ice Dance event when France's Olympic Champion Guillaume Cizeron returns to international competition with his new partner Laurence Fournier Beaudry. They are up against multiple Nebelhorn Trophy Champions and current World bronze medalists Lilah Fear/Lewis Gibson of Great Britain. Christina Carreira/Anthony Ponomarenko (USA) are also aiming at the podium. Four-time German Champions Jennifer Janse van Rensburg/Benjamin Steffan want to collect precious points for the national Olympic qualifiying race.

Looking back at a history of 57 years, Nebelhorn Trophy is one of the oldest continuously held figure skating competitions in the World. It is an important starting point for the skaters, especially in an Olympic year. Nebelhorn Trophy is part of the prestigious ISU Challenger Series. Many stars have competed on the famous ice in Oberstdorf, including Germany's Olympic Pair Skating Champions Aljona Savchenko/Bruno Massot that have trained here for several years.

Tickets are available online in the DEU-Ticket-Shop as well as at the Oberstdorf Ice Skating Center. All competitions and the gala will be broadcast live on Sporteurope.TV. On Thursday the Short Program of Pairs and on Friday the Free Programs of Men and Pairs will also be broadcast on BR24Sport in the ARD Mediathek. For further information please see www.eislauf-union.de.