



Press Release

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FKF-Award 2021 – These are the winners

Members of the FKF e.V. voted on European news 2021

On Sunday, February 13, 2022, the winners of this year's FKF-Awards were announced. The announcement took place during the FKF-Convention at Wunderland Kalkar. Since 2003, the FKF-Award has been presented by the *Freundeskreis Kirmes und Freizeitparks e.V.* (FKF) and honors special European novelties of the previous year from amusement parks and showmen.

The FKF-Award in the category *roller coaster* is given to **Ride to Happiness by Tomorrowland** at **Plopsaland de Panne** in Belgium. Built by German manufacturer Mack Rides, the *Xtreme Spinning Coaster* impresses with two catapult launches, five inversions and a well-rounded overall concept with license partner Tomorrowland.

The second FKF-Award in the category *park attraction* goes to the Danish amusement park **Tivoli Gardens**. In the award-winning attraction **Villa Vendetta**, guests encounter all kinds of strange figures and creatures on the 150-meter-long path through the spooky mansion. The 800-square-meter attraction impressed the club members.

For the nomination in the category *mobile/funfair* no representative result could be determined this year. The reason for this is that on the one hand, due to the Corona pandemic, few events took place and thus many association members were unable to visit a funfair, and on the other hand, only a few novelties were presented. The association has therefore decided not to present an FKF-Award in the relevant category this year.

Every year, the attractions eligible for the award are proposed by the nearly 1,400 members of the association themselves. The subsequent voting takes place via the association's internal and self-developed voting system, which takes particular account of the individual experiences of the voters through comparisons. The award is symbolized by a glass cube with a three-dimensional laser-engraved Ferris wheel.

The *Freundeskreis Kirmes und Freizeitparks e.V.* congratulates all winners. If the situation allows, the FKF-Awards will be presented personally to the respective winners during the year. On this occasion, the merit will be acknowledged with a greeting from the board and an additional award plaque next to the glass cube. For more information on the voting process and the current winners, please visit www.fkf-award.de.

The *Freundeskreis Kirmes und Freizeitparks e.V.* is Germany's largest association for funfair and amusement park enthusiasts. The association was founded in December 1997 at the Winterdom in Hamburg. The FKF e.V. continuously organizes a variety of meetings and events in amusement parks and at funfairs, whereby the focus is the community of the association members.