

Poster Advertising a Performance by the Dancer Saharet at the *Wintergarten* (1902)

Abstract

The *Wintergarten* was established in 1886 within Berlin's Central Hotel, located at Friedrichstrasse train station. By the turn of the century, it was the most famous of Berlin's 80-plus variety theaters. Its program changed frequently and included dancers, actors, singers, circus performers, and comedians from around the world. Many entertainers, such as the famed singer-song writer and humorist Otto Reutter, launched their careers there. Other performers included the magician and escape artist Houdini and the Australian-born Cancan dancer Saharet, who is featured in this poster. By the mid-1920s, the *Wintergarten* could boast a 20-meter wide revolving stage, the first of its kind, and an auditorium that seated some 3,000 guests. The *Wintergarten* remained in operation for over half a century. It was destroyed in a bombing raid on June 21, 1944.

Source



Source: Poster, artist: Maurice Biais, 1902. Kunstbibliothek, Staatliche Museen zu Berlin, <https://id.smb.museum/object/928902/wintergarten-saharet>

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