

Media release

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Philipp Fankhauser will be out of action for six months due to illness.

Serious illness requires stem cell transplant. Return to the stage in 2024.
Last concert on July 8, 2023 in Walenstadt.

Dear media professionals

Today, unfortunately, we come to you with the sad news that Philipp Fankhauser is seriously ill. He received first indications already a few years ago, but thanks to close monitoring and care by an excellent medical team and well-adjusted medication, he has been able to lead a largely normal life so far.

Over the past years, the myelofibrosis, a malignant disease of the bone marrow, has slowly but steadily progressed. Philipp's bone marrow produces only about 60% of the red blood cells of a healthy person. The consequences of the anemia (lack of blood) are tiredness, fatigue, malaise and, because of the constant lack of oxygen, shortness of breath. Lack of oxygen as a stage performer is, of course, not ideal!

In mid-July, Philipp Fankhauser will have his diseased bone marrow removed in complete isolation at the University Hospital for an estimated four to six weeks. He will then be transplanted with fresh, healthy donor stem cells, which will rebuild the hematopoietic system and subsequently restore the immune system.

We are all confident that Philipp will be able to resume his beloved work in new, old freshness from his 60th birthday on February 20, 2024 at the latest and, as he has always announced, will be singing the blues until he is 80 years old.

Best regards



Sabine Ziegler
Manager Philipp Fankhauser

P.S.: Philipp Fankhauser is available for interviews again from January 2024. I can be reached by e-mail at any time.

P.P.S.: Seven more concerts: June 3, D-Kaiserslautern / June 7, Winterthur / June 17, D-Hausach / June 22, Unterwasser June 23, Luzern / June 30, Bülach / July 1, Mülligen / July 8, Kleinstadt Open Air in Walenstadt