



**1992**

**Dr. Helmut Thoma**

Chairman of the Board RTL Television  
European's largest TV, radio and production company



**1993**

**Dr. Helmut Kohl**

Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany



**1994**

**François Mitterrand**

President of the Republic of France  
Presentation: Chancellor Dr. Helmut Kohl



**1995**

**Yassir Arafat – Yitzhak Rabin** (posthumously)

President PLO – Minister President of Israel  
Presentation: German Foreign Minister Dr. Klaus Kinkel



**1996**

**Boris Jelzin**

President of the Russian Federation

Presentation: German Chancellor Dr. Helmut Kohl



**1997**

**King Hussein Bin Talal**

King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

Presentation: German President Prof. Dr. Roman Herzog  
Guests of honour: President PLO Yassir Arafat, Shimon Peres



**1998**

**Nelson Mandela**

President of the Republic of South Africa

Presentation: Jürgen E. Schrempp, Chairman of the Board  
DaimlerChrysler AG

Guest of honour: German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder



**1999**

**William J. Clinton**

President of the United States of America  
Presentation held in the Oval Office / White House





**2000**

**Gerhard Schröder**

Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany  
Presentation: Dr. Frank Schirrmacher of  
Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung  
Guest of honour: President William J. Clinton,  
President Nelson Mandela



**2001**

**Rudolph W. Giuliani**

Mayor of New York (1994 – 2001)  
Presentation: Dr. Thomas Middelhoff, Bertelsmann AG



**2002**

**H.M. Queen Silvia of Sweden**

for the Childhood Foundation

**H.M. Queen Rania of Jordan**

for the Jordan River Foundation



**2003**

**Kofi A. Annan**

Secretary-General of the United Nations

Presentation: Wolfgang Thierse,  
President of German Parliament

Guest of honour: President William J. Clinton



**2004**

**Hillary Rodham Clinton**

United States Senator from New York

Presentation: Dr. Angela Merkel



**2005**

**BONO**

Presentation: German Foreign Minister, Joschka Fischer



**2006**

**H.M. King Juan Carlos of Spain**

Presentation: Stefan Aust, Editor in Chief, SPIEGEL

Plácido Domingo



**2007**

**Stefanie Graf & Andre Agassi**

Presentation: Dr. Dieter Zetsche and Dr. Thomas Middelhoff





**2008**

**His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama**

Presentation: Roland Koch, Prime Minister of Hesse



**2009**

**Angela Merkel**

Presentation: Anna Netrebko



**2010**

**Sir Richard Branson**

Presentation: Vice Chancellor and German Foreign Minister  
Dr. Guido Westerwelle



**2011**

**SILENT HEROES**

**Stanislaw Petrow**, Moscow  
**Dr. Sakena Yacoobi**, Kabul/Afghanistan  
**Dr. Denis Mukwege**, Kinshasa/Congo  
**Dr. Mitri Raheb**, Bethlehem/Palestine  
Presentation: Prof. Dr. Roman Herzog,  
Former Federal President



**2012**

**George Clooney**

Presentation: Dr. Ursula von der Leyen,  
Federal Minister of Labour and Social Affairs



**2013**

**H. M. Queen Máxima**

Presentation: Daniela Schadt,  
First Lady of the Federal Republic of Germany



**2014**

**Joachim Löw**

Presentation: Peter Altmaier,  
Federal Minister for Special Affairs



**2015**

**Ban Ki-moon**

Presentation: Christian Wulff  
Former Federal President



**2016**

**President Barack Obama**

Presentation: Joachim Gauck,  
Federal President