



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 Schirmacher 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