



Spielzeug Welten Museum Basel

Special exhibition at Spielzeug Welten Museum Basel

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Christmas tree animals

12 November 2022 – 19 February 2023

More than 600 animals crawl, fly, swim and hop through this year's Christmas exhibition at the Spielzeug Welten Museum – a testament to the variety of creatures that enlivened Christmas trees as early as 100 years ago.

Filou the Christmas dog guides our youngest visitors through the exhibition. Gripped by a longing for adventure, he sets off on a great journey. The curious dog meets new animals wherever he goes – until homesickness strikes in the desert. And so he returns home to take his place under the Christmas tree.

Grown-up visitors are given insight into the highly diverse array of techniques used in the early Christmas tree decorations industry: animals made of Dresden cardboard feature alongside Gablonz and Victorian Christmas decorations, candy containers and glass-blown objects.

Whether sheep, fish, dove, or lion, nearly all animals referred, intentionally or not, to the Christian faith. Their use in this context was a modern echo of the «bestiary» – the medieval book that linked (supposed) characteristics of animals to the Christian doctrine of salvation.

Most of the exhibited ornaments were made in Germany between 1880 and 1930. Objects from our own collection feature alongside loans from Alfred Dünnenberger, Peter Baumann and Doris Albrecht Mäder.

Further information on the exhibition

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For the latest information on any adjustments due to the Covid-19 pandemic, please refer to our website: swmb.museum

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Programme

Christmas cinema, Sun., 27 November 2022, 11 am

«Pinocchio», 2002 (FSK 6)

Admission: cinema tickets are free if you can show a museum entrance ticket. Vice versa, admission to the museum is free on 27 November if you can show a cinema ticket.

Location: Stadtkino Basel

A visit from Santiglaus, Sun., 4 December 2022, 2–5 pm

Saint Nicholas pops in on 4 December! He can't wait for your poems and has a small gift for everyone.

Glittery animals, Wed., 21 December 2022, 2–5 pm

Get a glitter tattoo of your favourite animal for Christmas!

Animal faces, Wed., 4 January 2023, 2–5 pm

Have you found your favourite animal in the exhibition? Our make-up artist turns faces into lions, butterflies and froglets.

Museum night, Fri., 20 January 2023, 6 pm–2 am

Workshops

Let's make a home for little birds!

19/20 November 2022, 1:30–5 pm

10/11 December 2022, 1:30–5 pm

17/18 December 2022, 1:30–5 pm

7/8 January 2023, 1:30–5 pm

11/12 February 2023, 1:30–5 pm

Admission

CHF 7.–/5.–; no extra fee for the special exhibition

Free admission for children aged 16 or under; children aged 12 or under will need to be accompanied by an adult.

Opening hours

January to November: Tuesday to Sunday 10 am–6 pm

December: 10 am–6 pm on all days

Special opening hours for Christmas and New Year

Sat., 24 December 2022: 10 am–4 pm

Sun., 25/Mon., 26 December 2022: closed

Sat., 31 December 2022: 10 am–4 pm

Sun., 1 January 2023: closed