

Press release

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Santa Claus is on his way! Winter and Christmas programme at the Kunsthaus Zürich.

This December, the Kunsthaus Zürich has put together a Christmas programme packed with sights, sounds and sensations. Samichlaus (Santa Claus) is coming, with a sack full of goodies: festive alphorn music, guided tours and craft workshops, gift ideas and a Christmas pop-up café promise a unique experience at the Kunsthaus during Advent.

Winter is an ideal time to view the collection at the Kunsthaus Zürich, which includes the first large-format winter painting in European art history, complete with snow and icicles: the 'Birth of Christ', painted on wood in around 1450 by the Master of the Munich Marian Panels, is just one of a number of striking and important works with a winter theme. They depict everything from the Adoration of the Magi to villagers skating on the ice, snow-capped peaks and cosying up by the fire.

CHRISTMAS-THEMED ART EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Our art education team have put together a special range of events for the festive season. For adults, there's a Christmas and winter guided tour of the collection every Saturday in December. Children aged 5 and over can have fun exploring works of art, then get creative in the Sunday Christmas painting workshop or paint their own picture after a tour in the collection itself. There's also a programme for families, with a chance to paint Christmas pictures and try out various crafts together. Santa Claus and his sidekick Schmutzli will be making a number of special guest appearances at the Kunsthaus, bringing lots of stories and a surprise for every child.

GIFT IDEAS, POP-UP CAFE, CHRISTMAS TREE AND COMPETITION

The Kunsthaus shop also has a special range of Yuletide and winter items on offer, with everything from artistic Christmas cards to Christmas ornaments from the Museum of Modern Art and candles with unique motifs.

A pop-up café will be serving mulled wine and Christmas delicacies in the entrance hall, which will also be decked out with a Christmas tree to put visitors in the festive mood. Finally there will be two performances featuring festive alphorn sounds from the Rigi. The St. Nikolaus-Gesellschaft der Stadt Zürich will also be supporting the seasonal programme. Visitors to the Kunsthaus during Advent can enter a Christmas competition, with prizes including travel

and experiences on Europe's first mountain railway. Details of the full Christmas programme can be found in our online events calendar at www.kunsthhaus.ch:

FOR ADULTS

Public Christmas guided tours

Christmas and winter from the Kunsthhaus collection**

Every Saturday in December, 3 p.m.–4 p.m.

Exclusively for Kunsthhaus members, presented by Philippe Büttner

Hidden Christmas treasures from the stores at the Kunsthhaus**

Wednesday 5 December, 6 p.m.–7 p.m., admission free for members

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Children's workshop (ages 5 and over)

Sunday Christmas painting workshop*

A chance for parents to take a break while kids have fun exploring works of art, then painting and designing in the workshop.

Sunday 2 / 9 / 16 December, 10.30 a.m.–12 midday, CHF 12

Christmas is coming!*

All is sparkle and glitter – and colours glow in the dark. We'll look at some works in the collection and then you'll paint your own Christmas picture.

Saturday 1 / 15 December, 2 p.m.–4 p.m., CHF 15

Family workshop (for parents and children)

Christmas for the whole family

Adults CHF 10 / children and young people CHF 5 / families CHF 25

Shining lights amid the darkness: Sunday 25 November, 10.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.

Christmas is coming: Sunday 23 December, 10.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.

Christmas crafts for children and adults

Stardust and glitter*

Saturday 8 December, 2 p.m.–5 p.m., CHF 10

Samichlaus & Schmutzli visit the Kunsthhaus**

Santa Claus and his companion Schmutzli are coming to the Kunsthhaus, with lots of stories and a surprise for every child.

1 / 8 / 9 December, 3 p.m.–4.30 p.m., 2 December, 12 midday–2 p.m.

In association with the St. Niklausgesellschaft der Stadt Zürich

Festive alphorns from the Rigi**

Alphorn-Trio Vitznau

15 December, from 4 p.m.

Alphorn-Trio Mt. Rigi

22 December, from 4 p.m.

* booking required: 044 253 84 84 or kunstvermittlung@kunsthhaus.ch

** booking not required

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Kunsthaus Zürich, Heimplatz 1, CH-8001 Zurich, tel. +41 (0)44 253 84 84,
www.kunsthhaus.ch

Fri-Sun/Tues 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Wed, Thurs 10 a.m.–8 p.m. Closed on Mondays.

Public holidays: Closed 24 / 25 / 31 December; 26 December, 1/2 January 2019
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Admission to the collection: CHF 16 / CHF 11 concessions and groups, free on
Wednesdays. Combination ticket (exhibition and collection): CHF 26 / CHF 19
(concessions and groups). Admission free for members of the Zürcher
Kunstgesellschaft and children/young people up to age 16.

Advance sales: Zurich Tourism: hotel room reservations and ticket sales. Tourist
Service in Zurich main railway station, tel. +41 44 215 40 00,
information@zuerich.com, www.zuerich.com.

SBB RailAway combination ticket, with discount on travel and admission: at
stations and by phoning Rail Service, 0900 300 300 (CHF 1.19/min. by land line),
www.sbb.ch/kunsthhaus-zuerich.

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