

Media release

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Stardust and glitter: the Christmas programme at the Kunsthaus Zürich

From the end of November, the Kunsthaus launches its special Christmas programme. Santa Claus is coming, with a sack full of goodies: special guided tours, events for families, Christmas crafts and painting workshops. In the collection, Christoph Homberger will be performing from Schubert's 'Winterreise', while a magnificently decorated, five-metre-high Christmas tree takes pride of place in the centre of the museum.

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.

Three exhibitions will be on view over the holiday period, with something for every taste: 'Picasso – Gorky – Warhol. Sculptures and works on paper from the Hubert Looser Collection', 'The new photography. Upheaval and new beginnings 1970–1990', and 'Wilhelm Leibl. The art of seeing'.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

The Kunsthaus has put together a special range of events for the festive season. For adults, there's a Yuletide- and winter-themed guided tour of the collection every Saturday in December. Children aged 5 and over can have fun exploring works of art and get creative in the Sunday Christmas painting workshop. 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 special guest appearance at the Kunsthaus, bringing lots of stories and a surprise for every child. There's something for music lovers too, with opera singer Christoph Homberger and the Zugluft ensemble performing excerpts from Franz Schubert's 'Winterreise' at various locations in the museum.

GIFT IDEAS, FOOD & DRINK, CHRISTMAS TREE

Once again, there's a special range of Christmas and winter items in the Kunsthaus shop, with everything from artistic Christmas cards to the popular nostalgic Advent calendars and candles with unique motifs.

The museum café will be serving up mulled wine and Christmas delicacies alongside its normal range. And for the first time, a five-metre-high, magnificently decorated Christmas tree in the centre of the museum will be helping visitors get into the festive spirit.

Details of the full Christmas programme can be found in our online events calendar at www.kunsthhaus.ch.

The 2019 Christmas programme is supported by Hauser & Partner, Lindt & Sprüngli and the Vienna Tourist Board.

PROGRAMME

FOR ADULTS

Public guided tours (in German)

Christmas and winter from the Kunsthaus Collection

Saturday 7 / 14 / 21 December, 4 January, 3 p.m.–4 p.m., included in the ticket to the collection.

Franz Schubert's 'Winterreise'

Christoph Homberger and the Zugluft ensemble perform excerpts at various locations in the museum.

Sunday 22 December, 3 p.m.–4.30 p.m. Included in museum admission.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Samichlaus & Schmutzli visit the Kunsthaus

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

7 December, 4 p.m.–5 p.m., 8 / 15 December, 12 midday–2 p.m. Included in museum admission. In association with the St. Niklausgesellschaft der Stadt Zürich.

Family workshops

Shining lights amid the darkness

Sunday 24 November, 10.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m., CHF 25 families / CHF 10 adults / CHF 5 up to age 16. Registration required: in the events calendar at www.kunsthhaus.ch or by calling 044 253 84 84.

The Three Kings

Sunday 29 December 10.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m., CHF 25 families / CHF 10 adults / CHF 5 up to age 16. Registration required: in the events calendar at www.kunsthhaus.ch or by calling 044 253 84 84.

Family guided tour (in German)

Images of Christmas

Sunday 1 / 8 / 15 / 22 December 2 p.m.–3 p.m., CHF 25 families / CHF 10 adults / CHF 5 up to age 16. Tickets on sale on the tour day.

Christmas crafts for children and adults

Stardust and glitter

Saturday 7 December, 1.30 p.m.–4.20 p.m., CHF 10 / CHF 25 families

Children's workshops (ages 5 and over)

Sunday Christmas painting workshop

Sunday 8 / 15 / 22 December, 10.30 a.m.–12 midday, CHF 12. Registration required: in the events calendar at www.kunsthhaus.ch or by calling 044 253 84 84.

Christmas is coming!

Saturday 14 December, 2 p.m.–4 p.m., CHF 15. Registration required: in the events calendar at www.kunsthhaus.ch or by calling 044 253 84 84.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

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

Fri–Sun/Tue 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Wed, Thu 10 a.m.–8 p.m. Closed on Mondays.

Public holidays: 24 / 26 / 31 December and 1 / 2 January 10 a.m.–6 p.m. 25 December closed.

Admission to the collection: CHF 16 / CHF 11 concessions and groups, free on Wednesdays. Combination ticket (exhibitions and collection): CHF 26 / CHF 19 (concessions and groups). Admission free for members of the Zürcher Kunstgesellschaft and children / young people under the age of 17.

Free admission, discounts and other benefits with a 2020 annual membership (valid from now until 31.12.2020): adults CHF 115 / couples CHF 195 / children and young people up to 25 years of age CHF 30. For details of Plus membership, with various additional benefits, see www.kunsthhaus.ch.

Advance sales: Zurich Tourism, tourist information office in Zurich main railway station, tel. +41 44 215 40 00, info@zuerich.com, www.zuerich.com.

SBB RailAway combination ticket, with discount on admission when travelling by public transport: www.sbb.ch/kunsthhaus-zuerich.

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