

November 2010

Our neighboring construction work site is **FINALLY** done!



A few days ago, the entire **construction scaffolding was finally dismantled!**

The drilling, hammering, and sawing were often as reliable as any alarm clock...

That's ALL over now!

When you stand at the beginning of the Wolfengasse alley, you won't have to expect a "dark tunnel" anymore, but a **brightly-lit pathway** that would lead you **straight towards your Hotel AUSTRIA!**

Our guests are truly professional photographers!

The heads of our **jury of experts** had an exceedingly difficult time.

We did not know **how many professional photographers** there were among our guests!

The **quality of the photos** was first-class! Brightness, picture sharpness, choice of motif – **everything was just done professionally!**

Our judges have therefore selected this photo which has **emotionally** appealed to us the most:



This photo was taken by Gideon Rossouw, from Great Britain.

The 2nd and 3rd places of honor went to:



Christine and Walter Graf, from Switzerland David Genereux from the USA

Our winner has selected “pure classical” - the concert at Schoenbrunn Palace.
Our most heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Rossouw!

It's actually very easy to see and read our newsletter with pictures and most of all, with its incomparable layout!

From your numerous entries for our trivia contest, we still keep seeing that there are still a lot of guests who receive our newsletters only in “Text Format”: no **informative photos**, no **appealing lay-out**, and most of all, no **emotionally-touching images** – which can convey so much!

It's just a few clicks away to a **whole new newsletter-world!**



Current HAPPENINGS / EVENTS in Vienna in November 2010



Interested in music, theater, the opera, museums, or exhibitions?

We'll be happy to **keep you informed** about **all the dates / schedules** and perhaps even let you in on a **few secrets too...**

Michelangelo in Vienna

Starting in October, the Albertina will present the first major Michelangelo exhibition in more than twenty years. A collection of 120 of the most valuable drawings will be on display.

"Michelangelo. The Drawings of a Genius" is the title of the exhibition at the Albertina. The show centers around the **drawings of human figures** by the Tuscan master Michelangelo Buonarroti (1475-1564). The presented works range from the earliest preserved drawings and the twelve designs for **the wall painting "The Battle of**



"Cascina" to the drafts for the **world-famous frescoes in the Sistine Chapel**. Paintings and reliefs created after designs by Michelangelo will also be on display.

A special exhibit: **a letter by Michelangelo in sonnet form to his lover Giovanni da Pistoia**, in which the artist describes the strenuous work on the Sistine Chapel ceiling. The presentation of the show will have a new element: The ceiling frescoes of the Sistine Chapel will be projected inside the Albertina.

Oct. 8, 2010 - Jan. 9, 2011 Daily 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Wed. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Albertina

Visitors under 19: free admission

www.albertina.at

<http://www.albertina.at/>

Hans von Aachen: Painter of the Emperor

From October to January, the Museum of Fine Arts is showing the first exhibition ever to comprehensively present the full works of imperial court painter, Hans von Aachen.

Hans von Aachen (1552-1615) started out as a painter of portraits and everyday scenes. While on his **extensive travels**, he achieved his greatest recognition as the portrait painter of the Medici in Florence. **The highpoint of his career** was reached when he was appointed to the Prague Court by Emperor Rudolf II in 1596.

The Museum of Fine Arts is now showing the first exhibition ever to present the **full works** of the artist, with the different facets of his times in Italy, Germany and at the Prague Court. The show includes about 45 portraits, 30 drawings and 25 prints. **Pictures with allegorical and mythological subjects** are amongst von Aachen's most important works. Many of them can be seen in the Museum of Fine Arts alongside portraits of Emperor Rudolf II and other Hapsburgs.



Stylistically, Hans von Aachen is difficult to categorize. But that is what makes him so interesting. **His pluralism of style**, marked by Dutch realism, Roman mannerism and others, stands for the prevailing transfer of European culture at that time. His many travels perfected this style.

19 October 2010 - 9 January 2011 Tu-Su 10.00 am - 6.00 pm, Th 10.00 am - 9.00 pm

Museum of Fine Arts

Visitors under 19 years of age: Free admission

www.khm.at

<http://www.khm.at/>

The gold of the Inca

Ninety valuable gold exhibits from the legendary time of the Inca will be on display at an exhibition from the end of October 2010 until the end of February 2011.

The venue for the show **"1000 years of INCA gold"** is the Novomatic Forum opposite the Vienna Secession. Apart from exhibits from the Inca period (13th to 16th centuries), numerous works in gold from the various progenitor cultures which the Inca annexed peacefully or belligerently will also be shown.

On view are **grave goods** of the Inca, **cups** made from solid gold, **pieces of jewelry**, **masks** and nose jewelry, **crowns** and cult ceramics. The oldest pieces in the exhibition are golden earrings from the Frias culture (approx.



400 BC). The heart of the show is a **death mask**, which was made in 900 AD from a single piece of gold.

Texts, short films and **3D projections** supplement the exhibition, which is presented in dark and mystic rooms to Peruvian highland music. The pieces on loan come from the famous **Gold Museum** in the Peruvian capital Lima.

22 October 2010 - 27 February 2011

daily from 10.00 am - 6.00 pm

www.inkagold.at

<http://www.inkagold.at/>

Christmas markets

From mid-November through Christmas, Vienna's public squares are transformed into Christmas markets with hundreds of booths full of gifts and goodies for visitors to buy.

Each year a traditional **Christmas Market** transforms **City Hall Square** into a magical Christmas wonderland. Sample cookies, savor punch and select gifts at one of the many shopping booths throughout the square. Or, simply stroll and enjoy the amazing **Christmas decorations**: a giant 40 foot Advent wreath is prominently displayed in the center of the square while the trees in the neighboring Rathauspark twinkle with festive lights.



The Christmas village on Maria-Theresien-Platz is nestled between the Kunsthistorisches Museum and the Museum of Natural History. From mid-November through Christmas, more than 60 stands offer traditional, handcrafted wares and original gift ideas. The romantic **Christmas Village** in the **Old General Hospital (Altes AKH)** is a popular meeting point during Advent, especially for a younger crowd.

Tradition is the order of the day at the **Old Viennese Christmas Market at Freyung**. There has been a Christmas market here ever since 1772. Nowadays the stands offer attractive handcrafted pieces, glass decorations, cribs and ceramics. Festive Advent Christmas music rings out on the square from 4 pm.

The **cultural and Christmas market in the Ehrenhof at Schönbrunn Palace** offers Christmas romance in front of an imperial backdrop. The atmospheric market shows traditional handicrafts, hand-made jewelry and rustic Christmas decorations. There is a diverse **children's program** and a **crib exhibition**. The **Advent market in front of the Belvedere** is also held in an imperial ambience.

An **alternative Christmas market on Karlsplatz** is a more contemplative affair. You're sure to find a Christmas gift or two amongst the wide range of handicrafts on offer. There's also lots to discover in the idyllic little lanes at the **Christmas market on Spittelberg**.

Vienna Christmas Market

November 13-December 24, 2010

10 am-9.30 pm, Fri & Sat -10 pm

December 24: 10 am-6 pm

City Hall Square, 1st district

www.christkindlmarkt.at

Christmas Village on Maria-Theresien-Platz

November 17-December 24, 2010

11 am-9 pm

December 24: 11 am-3 pm

Maria Theresien-Platz, 1st district

www.weihnachtsdorf.at

Christmas Village at the Belvedere Palace

November 19-December 23, 2010

11 am-9 pm

Prinz Eugen-Strasse 27, 3rd district

www.weihnachtsdorf.at

Christmalls Village at "Altes AKH" (Vienna's former General Hospital)

November 11-December 23, 2010

Mo-Fri 2 pm-10 pm

Sat & Sun 11 am-10 pm

Alserstr./Spitalgasse, Hof 1, 9th district

www.weihnachtsdorf.at

Old Viennese Christmas Market

November 19-December 23, 2010

10 am-9 pm

Freyung, 1st district

www.altwiener-markt.at

Culture and Christmas Market in front of Schönbrunn Palace

November 20-December 26, 2010

10 am-9 pm

December 24: 10 am-4 pm

December 25-26: 10 am-6 pm

Schönbrunn Palace, 13th district

www.weihnachtsmarkt.co.at

Advent Market on Karlsplatz

19 November - 23 December 2010

daily from 12:00 noon to 8:00 pm

Karlsplatz, 1010 Vienna

www.divinaart.at

Christmas Market on Spittelberg

16 November - 23 December 2010

Mo-Th 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Fr 3:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Sa 10:00 am - 9:30 pm, Su 10:00 am - 9:00 pm

Spittelberggasse, Schrankgasse, Gutenberggasse, 1070 Vienna

www.spittelberg.at<http://www.spittelberg.at/>

Blue Man Group

From 4 November, the Blue Man Group offers a show that defies all categorization. The men in blue take the audience on a humorous, visually and acoustically overpowering journey. A live band provides



gripping rhythms.

The group gave its first performance in 1991 in New York, after which the **innovative form of live entertainment** conquered stages around the world - now, it is making a guest appearance in Vienna for two months.

The music is very important: **fast, captivating rhythms** determine the tempo of the show. The Blue Men move expertly through a wide range of musical genres - from Punk to New Wave to Techno. Specially developed instruments produce the unmistakable **Blue Man Sound**.

The Blue Man Group phenomenon has created a new category: their funny, sensational **multimedia performance**, which goes far beyond the rules of a "normal" theater show, has already amazed over **17 million people** worldwide.

The Blue Men had great impressions of **Vienna** on their **visit in June 2010**: in the coffeehouse, at the golden statue of waltz-king Johann Strauß, horse-drawn carriage rides on Heldenplatz ...

4 November 2010 - 2 January 2011 daily, except Mo

MuseumsQuartier, Hall E

Tickets: www.oeticket.com

Tel. +43 1 960 96

www.bluemangroup.at

<http://www.bluemangroup.at/>

Photography month

Vienna is participating in the European Photography Month for the fourth time. Numerous exhibitions and art installations centering on the topic of photography will be shown in November.

At more than 100 different locations, **video projections** and **art installations** will be shown along with the photography exhibitions throughout Vienna from October 29 to December 4. International and Austrian experts will judge the works of various photographers during the "Portfolio Reading" on November 26 and 27 at the Vienna Kunsthalle Project Space. Photography walking tours complete the offer. The festival opens on October 29 with the exhibition **"Mutations III"** at the Museum on Demand (MUSA).



Other exhibition highlights:

- Starting on October 23, the MUMOK presents works by Chuck Close, Richard Estes, Ralph Goings and Don Eddy in "HyperReal. The Passion of the Real in Painting and Photography".
- The show **"Window Shopping. A Photo History of Display Windows"** opens at the Wien Museum on November 25.
- A retrospective of the photojournalist **René Burri** starts on November 18 at the Kunst Haus.
- The Secession will focus on works by the photographer **Trevor Paglen** starting on November 26.
- As of November 9, Galerie WestLicht will present photos by **Gerhard Heller**.

Oct. 29 Dec. 4, 2010

Detailed program and information at:

www.eyes-on.at

<http://www.eyes-on.at/>

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