

PRESS INFORMATION

A Wide Range of Museums, Music Festivals and of Cultural Events for Children Characterise Today's Dürer City



Picnic in the park at the Classic Open Air (Photo: Uwe Niklas)

Thanks to the good example of the city's greatest son, Albrecht Dürer (1471-1528), genius of innovation, Nuremberg does not find it hard to reconcile the extremes of tradition and modernity. So it's not a great surprise that visitors following the Albrecht Dürer Way are guided through the city using state-of-the-art audiovisual technology, and that people are again and again reminded of the relevance of Dürer's genius and brilliant works of art with spectacular art events. Just like Dürer's paintings in the Germanische Nationalmuseum, the largest museum of German arts and culture, many other works of art can be admired in the city, for example the Englische Gruß (Annunciation) by Veit Stoß, in St. Lawrence's Church, or the Way of the Cross created by stone sculptor Adam Kraft in the St. Johannis city district, all testifying to the city's great history.

The city's museums truly bring history to life – with lively guided tours and museum theatre performances, illustrating Dürer's life and work, but also every-day-life in a Patrician household. Nuremberg's traditions as a toy city and as an industrial location are literally made tangible in the Toy Museum and in the Museum of Industrial Culture. Present-day art and design is displayed in the New Museum, and the

Kunsthalle presents a forum for contemporary art. Those interested in the very beginnings of communication as well as railway fans will get their money's worth in the museums of communication and transport. Those institutions – and many more – are part of the Blue Night, a night of culture and museums with a difference which takes place every year in May and which is a great popular success.

Nuremberg State Theatre with its opera, theatre and ballet performances is the focus of the city's theatrical life, which is further enriched by various free theatre groups. Among them are the puppet players from all over the world meeting up at the International Puppet Theatre Festival in Nuremberg. A cultural centre for children (including a museum and theatre), several other theatres, and a wide network of activities for younger audiences make Nuremberg a champion of children's culture. Eleven "Cultural Corner Shops" offering cultural activities in various city districts are exemplary for all of Germany.

Nuremberg's musical life has much to offer, spanning the annual International Nuremberg Organ Week ION, Europe's largest and oldest festival for sacred music; to "Rock in the Park" and the world music festival Bardentreffen. The Bardentreffen, which is completely free of charge, takes place on a weekend and attracts over 200,000 music fans every year. The two summer concerts Classic Open Air presented by the Nuremberg Philharmonic and Symphony Orchestras lure more than 100,000 music fans to the Luitpold Grove for a picnic and classical music and are the biggest events of their kind in Europe.