

The Circus & Clown Museum Vienna as an Important Place of Preservation and Research

A Circus & Clown Museum plays a significant role as a place of preservation and research for the rich history and culture of the circus world! Here are some key points on this topic, using the example of the "Circus & Clown Museum Vienna"



Founder Heino Seitler, 1927



COLLECTION - PRESERVATION

The museum collects and preserves historical artifacts, costumes, props, posters, photos, documents, newspapers and other objects documenting the development of the circus and clown arts over the years with historical and cultural value.

In doing so, the museum becomes a guardian of cultural heritage, preserving unique aspects of circus and clown traditions and ensuring accessibility for future generations.

Costumes and Exhibits









Conservation:

Attention is given to maintaining the originality and condition of historical costumes and props to preserve their authenticity over time.

Restoration:

If needed, restoration measures are taken to repair damaged or worn artifacts, extending their lifespan.

Collaboration with conservation and restoration experts is crucial for proper treatment.

Library

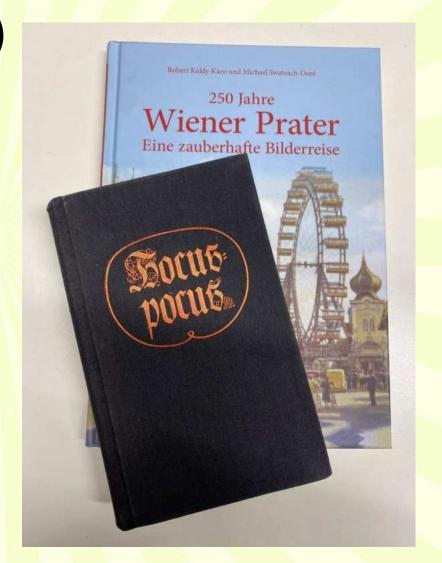
Books, journals, articles, and other written materials on various aspects are collected.

The library can be expanded with additional thematic focuses.



The additional thematic focuses in our museum:

Prater (amusement park)
Variety shows
Magic arts



Documentation

The history of the circus and clowns, including significant events, developments, and milestones, is documented.

Written and audiovisual records, films, newspaper articles, and documentation contribute to this effort.



A special focus is placed on eyewitness interviews, capturing personal stories during events like the "Artists Roundtable."







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Digitalization

Digitalization offers numerous advantages, primarily facilitating access for researchers and the public.

It is a key focus in our museum 2024, enhancing the museum's capabilities.

Security Measures

Ensuring the physical safety of exhibits is paramount, protecting them from

theft or damage.



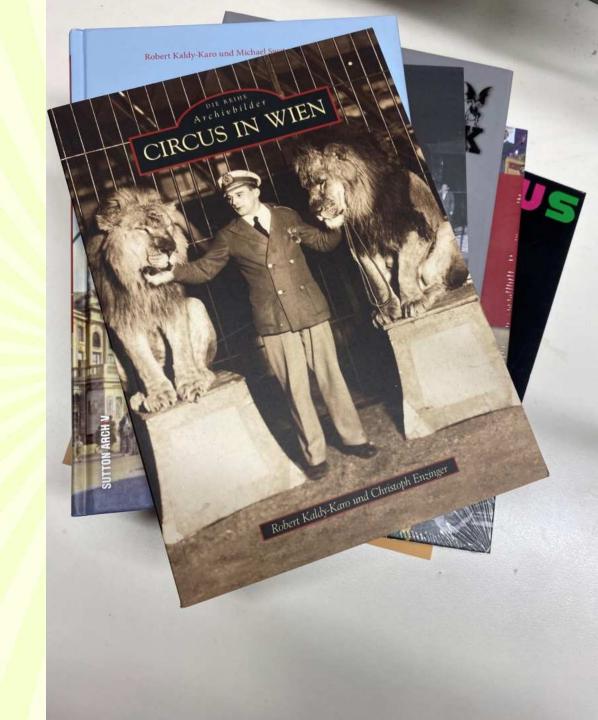
RESEARCH - EDUCATIONAL FACILITY

By providing a comprehensive information source, the museum enables researchers and historians to study the rich history of the circus world!

For the general public, the museum serves as an educational facility promoting understanding of circus arts and capturing their cultural significance.

Publications

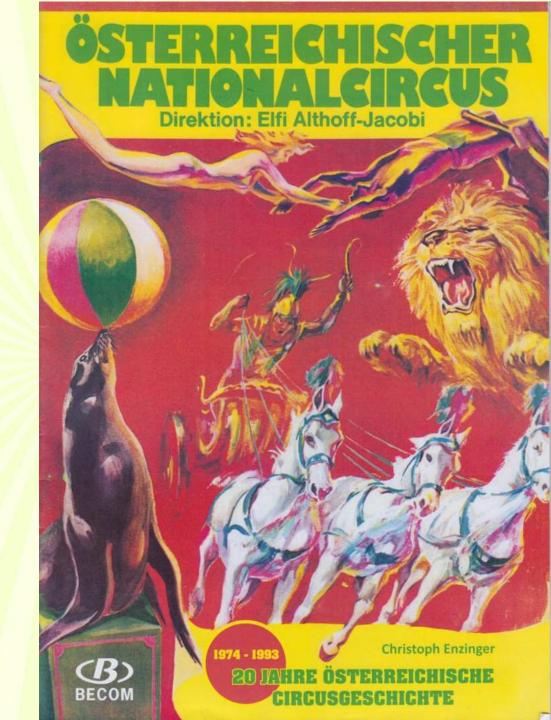
The museum regularly publishes works!



Our upcoming book:

"The Austrian National Circus"

Author: Christoph Enzinger





Also students have the opportunity to explore not only artistic aspects but also social, cultural, and historical contexts of the circus world, using the collection as a foundation for academic work.

Conferences and Symposia Networking

As a central hub for enthusiasts, researchers, artists, and professionals, the museum fosters a network that promotes the exchange of ideas and collaboration within the scene.

Events like the annual meeting of the "Society of Circus Friends Germany"

(GCD) in Vienna 2023 exemplify this networking!



Guided Tours / Educational Programs

The museum is a vital educational institution informing schools, students, and the public about the history, art, and cultural significance of circus arts. Tailored interactive tours accommodate different age groups.



Events and Exhibitions

By organizing events and exhibitions, the museum provides the public with the opportunity to experience the circus world up close and appreciate its diversity.

Various events attract new visitor groups.











Tourism and Economy

The museum contributes to the local economy by attracting tourists

interested in the subject.

Our visitor statistics from 2023 show visitors from 35 nations.



FINALLY ...

In conclusion, the Circus & Clown Museum plays a crucial role in preserving, researching and promoting the rich culture and history of the circus and clowns, both in its historical dimensions and within the context of contemporary developments.



