

Press Release

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Swiss Woodcarving Museum, Brienz

Special exhibition 2023 "THE CUBE" with colourful diversity and untamed creativity

"Out of the workshop, into the cube" - the invitation to the more than 40 wood sculptors who are members of the Swiss National Wood Sculptors Association was clear: "Show your works! The lively special exhibition can be seen this summer from 6 May - 29 October 2023 in the Swiss Woodcarving Museum in Brienz and is not only worth a visit for carving enthusiasts!

Brienz is the home of wood sculpture, and the Swiss Wood Sculpture Museum is the centre of its wide range of activities. The museum is a must when it comes to numerous masterpieces of past times, rarities, specialities, and an insight into the great world of Swiss wood sculpture. In the listed premises of Jobin AG on the main street in Brienz, the passionate museum is open to visitors from Wednesday to Sunday from May to October. The collective exhibition has been restaged and now shows a variety from sculptures, reliefs, designs, models to music boxes, music automatons, the popular wooden chalets, and wooden toys to much attractive contemporary work.

Since 1932, wood sculpture has been organised in a professional association. The Swiss Wood Sculptors Association was formed in 2013 through the merger of the Professional Association of Wood Sculptors Brienz with the Swiss Wood Sculptors Association. The members of the association work independently in their studios or are active in related professional fields. Thanks to its versatile members from all over Switzerland, the craft, which is rich in tradition, is constantly developing and is represented today in art as well as in the most diverse forms of design and work.

The mobile exhibition THE CUBE, the special exhibition 2023, shows the diversity of the valuable work of the Swiss Woodcarvers Association. It provides an insight into the works of over 40 Swiss woodcarvers, around 20 of whom come from the woodcarving stronghold around Brienz. Whether it's the boy with the harmonica, the fighting (or just cuddly?) cows, masterly slender figures, the wolves or the playful approach of girl and chimpanzee - there are no limits to creativity here. The works show a wide variety of techniques, but also special features from diverse origins.

This year, for the first time, the museum is also able to present filmic contemporary witnesses from the Brienz region. The fascinating insights into life and people in Brienz almost 100 years ago invite you on a journey into another, bygone world. Those who want to get information digitally can be accompanied by the "Living History Guide", the practical tablet that shows stories and backgrounds via QR code.

A visit to the museum is the perfect complement to a visit to Brienz and, thanks to the complementary bistro and shop, offers an all-round rewarding visit.

Our website www.museum-holzbildhauerei.ch provides many more stories and information.

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