Ars Electronica Center

Adventures in Antiquity at Ars Electronica

(Linz, October 6, 2015) Antiquity will be the focus of attention at the Ars Electronica Center from Thursday to Sunday, October 8-11, 2015. At presentations in Deep Space 8K, guided tours and round-table discussions, experts will offer insights into various aspects of Antiquity and archeology. The spectrum ranges from the ancient street map *Tabula Peutingeriana* to Michael Köhlmeier's stories about Homer's Iliad, and includes a 3-D journey of discovery through the Roman underground and a huge family tree of Greek-Mediterranean mythology.

Program overview:

Program on Thursday, 8 October 2015

Deep Space LIVE: Cultural Heritage – Tabula Peutingeriana
20:00 – 21:00 / Deep Space

Katharina Kaska of the Austrian National Library and Stefan Traxler of the Museum of the Province of Upper Austria give a fascinating presentation on what is probably the world's oldest street map, the *Tabula Peutingeriana*.

Program on Friday, 9 October 2015

The Mother of All Wars – Stories from Homer's Iliad
19:00 / Sky Loft

Writer Michael Köhlmeier relates tales from Homer's heroic epic, The Iliad.

Antiquity in Today's World: Round-table Discussion
Afterwards / Sky Loft

Immediately following Michael Köhlmeier's storytelling, Peter Glatz (Stiftsgymnasium Wilhering, Teacher Training School of the Diocese of Linz and director of the Association of Upper Austrian Latin Teachers), Philipp Hawle (Aloisianum Linz), Martin Hochleitner (art historian and director of the Salzburg Museum), Gerfried Stocker (artistic director of Ars Electronica), Stefan Traxler (Museum of the Province of Upper Austria) and Rainer Weißengruber (Centrum Latinitatis Europae) will discuss whether a detailed and comprehensive encounter with Antiquity is still called for in our modern, networked world. Serving as moderator is Christian Schacherreiter (scholar of German literature, literary critic, author and director of the Peuerbach School in Linz).

Program on Saturday, 10 October 2015

The first complete genealogy of Greek-Mediterranean Mythology
11:00–12:00 Noon / Deep Space

Independent scholar Dieter Macek presents the first complete genealogy of Greek-Mediterranean mythology. Approximately 5,770 gods, goddesses and heroes make up the dramatic personae of this drama, which has now been adapted for Deep Space following successful runs in Berlin, Salzburg, Linz and Bregenz. The speech will also elaborate on how this work came about and how it will be developed further.

Guided Tour through the "Archeology" Exhibition
13:00–14:00 in Schlossmuseum

This tour of the Schlossmuseum's permanent exhibition of archeological finds provides an overview of Upper Austria's most important sites from the Stone Age to the Early Middle Ages.

Archaeology in Upper Austria 2015. Finding Traces of Our Past with High-tech Devices and Shovels
14:30–15:30 / Deep Space

This speech by Jutta Leskovar and Stefan Traxler of the Museum of the Province of Upper Austria gives an overview of current archeological projects in Upper Austria and demonstrates how modern methods like laser scanning and geophysical testing are now being used in archeology.

Where Antiquity Lives: From Architecture to Telling Time
16:30–17:30 / Deep Space

The veracity of the often-repeated assertion that Antiquity is one of the foundations of our culture will be demonstrated by Karlheinz Töchterle of the University of Innsbruck on the basis of concrete examples ranging from architecture to time-reckoning.

Program on Sunday, 11 October 2015

European Symbols – How Antiquity Connects Europe
11:00–11:45 / Deep Space

Peter Glatz (Association of Upper Austrian Latin Teachers) and Andreas Thiel (Amici Linguae Latinae, publisher of European Symbols) give an introduction to the concept of Europe and elaborate on how Antiquity is perceived in various European countries.

Aquileia as Link between North and South
11:45–12:30 / Deep Space

The Roman city of Aquileia is the subject of this talk by Rainer Weißengruber (Centrum Latinitatis Europae).

Tour through the "Archaelogy" Exhibition
13:00–14:00 / Schlossmuseum

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Invisible Rome. A Journey of Discovery in 3-D
14:30–15:30 / Deep Space

This BBC made-for-TV movie takes spectators deep underground in the Eternal City and through an incredible subterranean world of mines, canals, water mains and secret temples. Moderator: Martin Traxler of the Museum of the Province of Upper Austria

Google Art Project: The Pergamon Altar
16:30–17:30 / Deep Space

Martin Hochleitner, art historian and director of the Salzburg Museum, invites visitors of all ages to take a virtual tour of Berlin's Pergamon Museum, during which he'll present antique treasures from the ancient Near East. This is made possible by the Google Art Project, which let's art lovers take virtual tours of museums worldwide.

Deep Space Weekend

To take maximum advantage of the technical possibilities afforded by Deep Space 8K, the Ars Electronica Center will be hosting Deep Space Weekends in autumn 2015. Each event will be dedicated to a specific theme, and experts will be on hand to go into detail and answer questions. A good introduction to each weekly theme will be provided by the Deep Space LIVE event on the preceding Thursday.

Museum of the Province of Upper Austria: http://www.landesmuseum.at/
Austrian National Library: http://www.onb.ac.at/ev/index.php
Michael Köhlmeier: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_K%C3%B6hlmeier
Dieter Macek: http://www.myth-gen.eu/
Karlheinz Töchterle: https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karlheinz_T%C3%B6chterle
Amici Linguae Latinae : http://www.amici-online.eu/de/menue.htm
Centrum Latinitatis Europae: http://cle.altervista.org/
Salzburg Museum: http://www.salzburgmuseum.at/

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