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Lower Saxony State Exhibition

When the Royals came from Hannover

Five venues, one royal theme: "Hannover's Rulers on the British Throne 1714–1837" is the title of the big State Exhibition shared between the Lower Saxony State Museum, the Herrenhausen Palace Museum, Hannover Museum of History, the Wilhelm Busch – German Museum for Caricature and Graphic Art and the Ducal Residence Museum in Celle Castle. With this major State Exhibition Lower Saxony is celebrating the tercentenary of the Anglo-German Union of Crowns, or "Personal Union" as it is most often called in Hannover. How did it come about that the House of Guelph rose to occupy the supreme position in the Kingdom of Great Britain? What impact did German culture have on the British court? A wealth of valuable exhibits will give visitors to the central exhibition in the State Museum in Hannover a fascinating overview of this period of history. At the same time, parts of the celebrated Wallmoden Collection will be on show at the Herrenhausen Palace Museum – the first time they have been displayed together since 1818.

Sat 17. 5. – Sun 5. 10.



Cartoons, Carriages and Crowns – facets of the "Personal Union"

Three different thematic exhibitions will go into individual aspects of the era of the Union of Crowns in more depth: in the Ducal Residence Museum in Celle Castle, the exhibition "Reif für die Insel" ("Ready for the Island" – a phrase people in Germany use when they feel they need a holiday) will focus on the events that led up to the Union of Crowns and on how the House of Brunswick and Lüneburg smoothed its path to London. The exhibition "Right Royal Performances" at the Wilhelm Busch Museum presents British cartoons from the time of the Union of Crowns and from the present day; while the exhibition at Hannover Museum of History, "One Coach, Two Kingdoms", gives some interesting insights into the late phase of the Union of Crowns between 1814 and 1837.

Sat 17. 5. – Sun 5. 10.





Very British: an art gallery in the open air

Eleven locations, eleven topics, four weeks: on the occasion of the State Exhibition Hannover city centre will be transformed into an open-air art gallery! A series of quite obtrusively positioned cylinders resembling the familiar "Litfasssäule" advertising columns will guide visitors through the central area. On them, a lot of interesting material concerning the Union of Crowns will be presented. The various topics will be put over by means of expressive, large-format pictorial motifs and specially designed ornamental tops to the columns. Information will be provided on further events relating to the topic concerned; while in addition, overview maps, QR codes and a prize competition will seek to persuade visitors to linger by the columns. Banners unfurled above the pedestrian zone, ground posters on the pavements and shop window displays in "very British" style will accompany this attractive outdoor art gallery. You are cordially invited to take this opportunity to make a very special city tour!

Wed 28. 5. – Fri 27. 6. **Hannover city centre**



Erlebnispaket

Ihr Erlebnispaket beinhaltet:

- 1 Übernachtung inkl. Frühstück im 3*** oder 4**** Hotel in Hannover
- Kombi-Ticket für alle fünf Schlösser und Museen der Niedersächsischen Landesausstellung
- 1 HannoverCard für 2 Tage (u. a. für die Nutzung der öffentlichen Verkehrsmittel)
- Informationsmaterial

Buchbar: 17. 5. bis 5. 10.

Tipp: Weitere Erlebnispakete hierzu finden Sie im Internet unter: hannover.de/erlebnispakete

3*** Hotel
75,- € *
DZ pro Person
EZ-Zuschlag: 30,- €

4**** Hotel
85,- € *
DZ pro Person
EZ-Zuschlag: 35,- €

"The Path to the Crown – the Kingdom of Hannover and its Rulers"...

... is the name of the exhibition at Marienburg Castle that also marks the tercentenary of the Union of Crowns. It gives some interesting insights into the more recent history of the House of Guelph, focusing on the time from 1814 to 1866 when Hannover was also a kingdom. The grand highlight at the heart of this exhibition will be the regalia of the Kingdom of Hannover: the Royal Crown with the Sceptre and the Bridal Crown. The nine rooms of the Queen's Wing, which have been meticulously preserved in their original condition, will house exhibits illustrating the single-mindedness with which the House of Guelph pursued its path to the kingship of two countries.

Thu 1. 5. – Sun 9. 11. **Marienburg Castle, Pattensen**





The start of the season in Herrenhausen

Magnificent Royal Gardens and fountains, and an Easter walk

The summer season in the Herrenhausen Gardens opens on 1 April. Every day from then onwards, the magnificent fountains of the Great Garden will be in operation and the Herrenhausen Palace Museum open to visitors again. At the weekends there will be guided tours under the title "The Magnificence of the Royal Gardens", which will enable visitors to become more familiar with the Great Garden and its history. In addition, the Herrenhausen Gardens are the perfect place to come to for an Easter walk with the whole family: the elaborately laid out flower beds will be resplendent with thousands of colourful spring flowers such as tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and crown imperials. On Easter Sunday visitors can enjoy a colourful programme during their visit to the gardens. Easter bunnies will be hopping around the Great Garden, distributing sweets; and exclusively on this one day it will be possible to take a ride through the historic gardens in a horse-drawn carriage and feel yourself transported back to days of long ago.

Easter walk – our tip: take advantage of the free guided tours on 20. 4.

Sun 20.4. Herrenhausen Gardens



Dates of the 24th International Firework Competition in the Herrenhausen Gardens:

 Czech Republic  England  Switzerland  Japan  Greece

Sat 17.5. Sat 31.5. Sat 23.8. Sat 6.9. Sat 20.9.

Great Garden of the Herrenhausen Gardens



Advance ticket sales: Tel. 0511/12345-123 – Tourist Information, Ernst August Platz 8



Theatre until deep into the night

This will be a great night for Hannover's theatres and an exciting adventure for audiences: the 13th edition of the Long Night of the Theatres. Theatre buffs, whether established or wannabe, will again have difficulty deciding which attractions to go for during this great theatrical marathon. More than 30 theatre venues will be participating, from the State Theatre to little independent establishments, and presenting extremely diverse programmes which in many cases have been conceived specially for the Long Night: audiences are invited to enjoy clowning, comedy, cabaret, staged readings, puppet shows, variety, review, acrobatics, opera and musical theatre.

Sat 10.5. Various theatre venues



Reopening of the "Pavillon"

The view from above ...

... offers new perspectives. This can be taken quite literally with regard to the Large Hall in the "Pavillon" Culture Centre, now reopened after a rebuilding that has lasted a whole year. The heart of this event centre has been completely redesigned – including a balcony from which spectators can look down from above on what is happening on the stage. There is also a new variably configurable stage and an extensible and retractable spectator grandstand. The sociocultural centre now has four event rooms – two concert halls and two theatre auditoriums. The ceremonial reopening will be followed by a diverse programme of concerts, drama, cabaret and comedy events, readings and lectures, projects, exhibitions and bazaars – a programme that continues all the year round.

"Pavillon" Culture Centre



Easter Days of Dance

Elaborate choreography, sinuous movement, expressiveness that touches the emotions – for just a few days the 11th Easter Days of Dance at the State Opera House will again transform Hannover into the capital of artistic expression through movement. At the heart of this year's festival will be the successful work "Chaplin" by guest choreographer Mario Schröder, with the ballet company of Hannover State Opera. Nationally and internationally celebrated ensembles such as the Ballett am Rhein Düsseldorf Duisburg or the Danza Contemporánea de Cuba will also be giving guest performances in the Opera House.

This year's Easter Days of Dance will be accompanied by the photography exhibition "Hannover City of Dance VI" and by the popular Children's Ballet Week.



Sat 12. 4. – Mon 21. 4.

State Opera House Hannover

Culture in the Palace

Concerts, readings, film evenings and exhibitions: 21 cultural delights will attract visitors to Landestrost Palace, Neustadt am Rübenberge, between January and July 2014. This popular series of events organised by Hannover Region will again bring select musicians and artists to Neustadt. The new programme offers a broad range extending from jazz and a cappella to cross-over and comedy and all the way to painting and classics of silent film. The main venue for the diverse and absorbing musical programme throughout the year will be the Great Hall of the Palace. In addition, there will be open-air concerts in the inner courtyard and in the palace gardens.

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Tue 29. 4.

Wed 14. 5.

**Landestrost Palace,
Neustadt a. Rbge.**





Deister Day

Here is a great opportunity to inaugurate the new rambling season: the seventh Deister Day once again promises participants an attractive blend of event, information and excitement – in the heart of nature in the Deister Hills! The Deister towns of Bad Münden, Bad Nenndorf, Barsinghausen, Rodenberg, Springe and Wennigsen are again presenting a diverse programme for all nature lovers and cultural discoverers in 2014. Numerous guided walking and cycling tours will start out from these six towns on the day, in addition to which there will be opportunities to enjoy idyllic horse-drawn carriage rides, to visit places of interest and to enjoy live music and many other attractive events within the towns. And although it's Sunday, the shops will be open!

Sun 4.5. all around the Deister Hills



Sunday shopping

There are 27 Sundays in the course of 2014 when you will be able to go on a shopping expedition in one or the other of the larger or smaller towns of Hannover Region. These Sundays when the shops are open are and remain a major draw to the public – for when else can you stroll through the pedestrian zones with your family in such a relaxed manner? Furthermore, many of the towns will be organising attractive accompanying programmes on the “open” Sundays. All the dates and tips on associated events throughout the year can be found in the new “Sonntags geöffnet” brochure, which is available from Tourist Information and elsewhere. Whether it is the “Sugar Beet Run” in Hemmingen, the Entrepreneurs' Show in Barsinghausen or the St. Hubert Festival in Springe: there is a wealth of attractive events in Hannover Region.

Upcoming dates, among others:

Sun 30.3. Laatzen **Sun 13.4.** Barsinghausen

Sun 6.4. Hannover **Sun 27.4.** Springe



20th Beach Volleyball Cup Anniversary with sand-between-the-toes

May will come in in style, with beach sport in the city centre again! It's just 20 years since 1,000 tonnes of the finest sand were spread out at Steintor for the first time; so in 2014 the popular Beach Volleyball Cup will be celebrating its anniversary. The now traditional tournament marks the start of the national beach volleyball season: it is the place to meet people, swap reminiscences of the past winter, try out new sporting partners and celebrate together the start of a sunny summer. The elite of North German beach volleyball will be there almost to a man – and woman – to take part in the anniversary tournament, and what's more, there will be some terrific prize competitions with attractive prizes, including admission tickets or vouchers for visitors... And that wonderful holiday feeling comes free of charge!

Fri 2.5.–Sun 4.5. Steintor





Studio-hopping

Experience art where it is created! On two successive Sundays, trained practitioners of the arts in the City and Region of Hannover will once again be opening their workplaces to the public from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and hoping for a large number of curious and interested visitors. They will show their works and explain their techniques and their subject matter – and all in a pleasant, relaxed atmosphere. The range is very broad: painting, graphics, prints, photography, conceptual art and sculpture are all represented. So you are cordially invited to take part in this artistic voyage of discovery, and to enjoy numerous delightful insights into back-yard creativity and studios in unexpected places. In addition, an exhibition called “Parallel Worlds” featuring works by artists taking part in the “Studio-hopping” event can be seen in the House of the Region from 8 May until 8 August.

Sun 11.5. & Sun 18.5. Various artists' studios



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Kings of Leon

They're coming back to Germany again! Having sold more than 12 million albums throughout the world and received numerous nominations and three Grammys, at the beginning of June one of the most intensive live bands in the world will at last be giving German fans the opportunity to experience them again at an unforgettable concert on Expo Plaza. The successful American rock band “Kings of Leon” offers a sound positioned convincingly between Southern and Alternative Rock, and has been booked to appear at all the important rock festivals throughout the world for several years past. Their latest studio album “Mechanical Bull”, produced in 2013, recently conquered the top slot in the UK album chart.

Wed 4.6. Expo Plaza



Have fun, get in there, help a good cause FUN Children's Festival

This will be the sixth edition of the popular FUN Children's Festival. The Hannover children's aid organisations “Aktion Kindertraum”, “ffn-Hörer helfen” and “Kinderherz Hannover” are offering an exciting programme that invites children of all ages to play and romp, and to try out various handicrafts. The “blue light fleet” of police, emergency service and ADAC motor club vehicles affords plenty of opportunities to try things out, while stars and local children's groups perform on the ffn Stage. Any child can acquire a wristband for € 3, which will give it the freedom of the FUN Children's Festival from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The proceeds of the Festival will benefit disadvantaged children from Hannover Region.

Sun 11.5. all around the New Town Hall



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A Midsummer Night's Dream

The English composer Benjamin Britten wrote this full-length opera, based on Shakespeare's comedy of the same name, for his Aldeburgh Music Festival in eastern England. In it, he created a fantastic interplay of intrigue and confusion somewhere between dream and reality...

Sat 29.3.

Premiere: State Opera House



Brodowy's Summer Salon

Matthias Brodowy is hosting a summer salon in the GOP variety theatre. The cabaret artist and pianist will lead his audiences through a high-calibre programme of artistes, acrobats and performers, all in his own unique manner. Not to be missed!

Tue 13.5.–Sun 22.6.

GOP Variety Theatre

British race day

It was during the period of the Union of Crowns that the first thoroughbred studs were established in England and the first race meetings held. On the occasion of the Lower Saxony State Exhibition marking the tercentenary, a glittering Hannover-British race day is being organised with international participation.

Sun 18.5. "Neue Bult"
racecourse, Langenhagen



Homage to Sir Neville Marriner

The legendary English conductor will be celebrating his 90th birthday in April. To mark the occasion, Sir Neville and his Academy of St Martin in the Fields will be presenting Haydn's Nelson Mass and Mozart's Piano Concerto K. 466, with Daniil Trifonov as soloist, at a concert in the Cupola Hall of the HCC; a very special atmosphere is guaranteed!

Mon 2.6. HCC Kuppelsaal



God save King George!

The entire order of George I's coronation in Westminster Abbey, with its solemn liturgy and pomp and circumstance, has come down to posterity in a comprehensive manuscript. Hannover Boys' Choir is performing the music from this coronation service in the form of a concert, which also includes texts recited by the actor Stefan Wiefel.

Various performances
from May onwards



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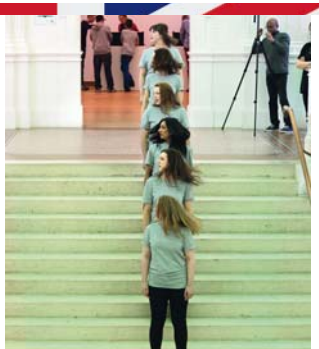
This is the motto under which the KunstFest-Spiele arts festival in Herrenhausen is presenting a programme that transcends genres and builds a bridge from the baroque to artistic forms of the present day – against the unique backdrop of the reconstructed Herrenhausen Palace and the Great Garden.

Fri 6.6.–Tue 1.7. and in Sept.
Herrenhausen

Contemporary art from the United Kingdom

To mark the tercentenary of the Union of Crowns, the kestnargesellschaft is turning its attention to the young artistic scene in London: an interesting group exhibition entitled "Pool" will be investigating the upcoming generation of artists living in the UK. As an exhibition within the exhibition, Gallery Peacetime will be inviting further artists to present their work in the unusual context of a fish tank.

Fri 4.4.–Sun 6.7. kestnargesellschaft Hannover



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