What’s new at Chillon?

ON THE BILL

Last chance to visit "Medieval Factory"...
Inventions from the Middle Ages are a roaring success!

In January 2017, Medieval Factory opened its doors at Chillon™ Castle. This exhibition was the fruit of a collaboration with Espace des inventions (Inventions Space) in Lausanne and, now more than ever, the interactive exhibit of Middle Ages inventions fascinates and challenges children and grown-ups alike. But be quick - the exhibition will be coming to a close on 29 April 2018! It’s been a real hit, bringing in record visitor numbers for the castle. One of our guides takes us through the time and effort they have put in, day in day out, in an interview with our castle dragon, Drako.
BUT WAIT, THERE’S MORE...

PÅKOCHÂTO: this Easter, we’re reviving with the ingenuity of nature

Sunday 1 April, come and make your own medieval garden and learn all about the magical virtues of plants with the exceptional Hildegarde de Bingen. She will be using games to demonstrate and compare medicinal plants for children aged 4-12, combining their healing powers to cure all kinds of ailments. The Bernese garden at the heart of the castle will play host to mini plots, ready to be transformed into simple gardens, which were very common in the Middle Ages. **Bonus tour:** at 2:00pm (auf Deutsch), 3:00pm (en français) and 4:00pm (in English), a costumed guide will show you around every nook and cranny of the castle, in search of medieval finds. Along the same thread, we will also be running wood workshops for holiday-goers aged 8-12. **Bookings (workshop)**
Item of the month: Medieval formwork timber

In April, Maud Jenni Hédiguer, our Collections manager, will be decrypting a well-hidden treasure in the famous Chillon prison. This formwork timber, perhaps the only relic of its kind in Europe to depict medieval construction methods, made up the ribs or "wooden moulds", a **negative of the vault being built**. These slats kept the stones in place in the mortar until it was fully set. But why did medieval masons decide to leave them there? That’s the exact same question our specialist asked. You can find the answer on our website.

The "Collections" section runs in collaboration with the Cantonal Museum of Archaeology and History in Lausanne, home to several items related to Chillon and its history.

LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT

Cine-concert: The Legend of Chillon Castle

This work, created within the venerable walls of the castle, is the definition of “local”: local composer, local orchestra and local monument! HEMU student, Théo Schmitt, has given the cine-concert a modern-day **makeover**. For his Master's in Orchestral Conducting, the director has stayed true to form and mastered the project, which has already sold out. It will take place on 22 April at the Métropole concert hall in Lausanne. If you feel like giving him a boost and helping cover film production costs, here’s the [link](#) and plenty of further info.

You can also watch [his interview on our blog](#).