

Friends' Association

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The Friends' Association of the Schlossmuseum Arnstadt e.V. has existed since 1991 and serves a charitable purpose, which involves public relations and scientific functions in support of the Schlossmuseum, as well as teaching, instructing and looking after the museum's visitors.

With the help of donations, membership fees and sponsors it has been possible in recent years to realise important restoration projects, purchase art materials, finance publications and support the museum's education activities for young and old.

Once a year the Association convenes to co-organise the Arnstadt Palace Festival. This traditionally runs a varied programme for young and old through the afternoon and evening hours. One can appreciate classical brass music, jazzy sounds through to Rock, Folk, Blues and a colourful mixture of light music. The museum's Summer Garden and the Palace Courtyard of are taken over each day by numerous selected traders. Precious jewellery, magical garden ideas, aromatic soaps, pottery, wooden articles and much more are on offer. Between the stands and street acts, men and women stroll around in the sumptuous costumes of the royal household. Puppeteers and fairy-story tellers draw not only the youngsters in their wake. Traditional crafts are demonstrated and everyone can have a go. The most popular guided tours in the museum provide an insight into the museum world, which is not usually open to visitors on other days, giving them a peep behind the scenes. Future building plans are explained or a deeper perception is given into the museum's wealth of collected items.

The members of the Friends' Association also receive regular information about planned lectures, concerts, exhibition openings or important research and restoration projects as well as the educational activities of the museum.

Participation in these events is free for association members.

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