

## Press Release

### **Exhibition from the German Playing Card Museum in the City Museum on the occasion of the 40th. anniversary of the foundation of the City of Leinfelden-Echterdingen 1975-2015.**

For the theme of this jubilee exhibition we take a look back at the first two playing card exhibitions (Fortune-Telling cards in 1974 & Precious playing cards 1975) given in Leinfelden-Echterdingen 40 years ago. This special show will present an exclusive selection from these exhibitions.

The exhibition of Fortune telling cards will include the oldest preserved complete English Fortune telling deck dating from 1670, cards from Napoleons own private Fortune teller Mademoiselle Lenormand and a modern Tarot pack produced in 1973 for the James Bond film "Live and Let Die".

From the present year 2015 another deck of Tarot cards is displayed, created by "flanerie. labor for gedanken & gänge" in Stuttgart together with Lisbon based artist Joanna Latka. The flanerie is the idea of the artist and researcher Tina Saum and cultural manager Daniela Raab. In this Stuttgart Tarot the single player is a lone walker: a tote bag, 22 cards, game instructions, an explanatory leaflet and a game board lead the player from place to place on his or her personal city map. The game invites the player to explore their relationship with the city, where emotions and memories play an important role. This ties the game to the traditions of Fortune telling cards.

In cultural history Fortune telling cards are seen as a guide or advisor. In crucial periods in their life people turn to Fortune telling for advice on love, marriage, health, luck or misfortune. Fortune telling cards have the potential of making dreams come true.

For the 1975 exhibition of Precious Playing cards a catalogue was released in the form as a card game "Precious Playing Cards - An amusing game about the history of Playing Cards - A novel dice game with 36 large cards" . It provides a playful insight into the history of playing cards.

In 2000 a game of playing cards was produced in conjunction with the local photography club showing places of interest from the city of Leinfelden-Echterdingen. The game "Leinfelden-Echterdingen - Die schönste Seite der Filder" depicts the four districts with their town hall, churches and springs along with cultural monuments on the kings, queens and jacks. It provides an interesting photographic playing card walk which is described in an accompanying leaflet.

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INFO:

Where: Stadtmuseum Leinfelden-Echterdingen,  
Hauptstrasse 79 (Echterdingen)

When: 27.9.2015 until 31.1.2016

Opening times: sundays 10.30 -12.30 and 14.30 - 17.30 Free entry.

Especially for the playing card exhibition two guided tours are available on:

Thursday 11.12.2015, 18:00 City Museum

Wednesday 20.01.2016, 18:00 City Museum

Leinfelden-Echterdingen, in September 2015