Exhibitions in the Ethnographic Museum in Zagreb in 2014/2015

THE TRADITIONAL MUSIC OF MEĐIMURJE

Ethnographic Museum, 16 July – 30 August 2014

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The exhibition was staged during the 48th International Folklore Festival. In cooperation with the Institute of Ethnology and Folkloristics, the Ethnographic Museum presented the intangible cultural heritage of Međimurje County. The exhibition covered traditional instruments, posters, photographs, references and audiovisual records. The theme-related activities of the Matapur Association were also presented. Lectures and workshops – Zlatna grana (Golden bough) and Međimurska tradicijska glazbala (Međimurje traditional instruments) also accompanied the exhibition.

CHILDREN’S ART OF JAPAN

Ethnographic Museum, 9 October – 9 November 2014

Exhibition curator: Zvjezdana Antoš, Ph.D.
Collaborator: Gordana Viljetić

The exhibition was the result of cooperation between the Ethnographic Museum in Zagreb and the Museum of Children’s Art in the Japanese city of Hamada. Started in 2010, cooperation is based on the exchange and presentation of children’s art work. The exhibition was staged within the scope of the permanent display of non-European countries, and was accompanied by origami workshops for pre-school and school age children.
IN THE SEARCH FOR THE FEMALE ARCHETYPE: SLAVIC AND INDIAN GODDESSES

Ethnographic Museum, 23 October – 1 December 2014

Author: Irena Gayatri Horvat
Collaborators: Tamara Nikolić Đerić
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Display designer: Irena Gayatri Horvat

The exhibition presented the affinity of Old Slavic and Indoeuropean mythological themes. The author attempted to present a survey of Slavic and Indian goddesses by resorting to the artistic interpretation of the female cosmic force which drives life. On the basis of comparative linguistic research the author examined the functions and names of gods/goddesses in Proto-Slavic and Proto-Indoeuropean culture with reference to the female archetype and embodiment of basic female principles. The exhibition, the result of interdisciplinary research realised in cooperation with the Lotos Association – Indian Cultural Centre, was accompanied by story-telling meetings, lectures and educational workshops.

STRAW PICTURES AND CHRISTMAS CAKES OF THE Bunjevci/CROATS OF BAČKA

Ethnographic Museum, 6 December 2014 – 11 January 2015

Author: Danijela Križanec Beganović
Collaborator: Bojana Poljaković
Layout designer: Nikolina Jelavić-Mitrović

On the initiative of the Matija Gubec Cultural Society, the Society of Danubian and Vojvodina Croats of Zagreb and the Ivan Antunović Catholic Institute of Culture, History and Spiritualitys, the exhibition presented pictures made of straw in the Subotica area. The first pictures were produced in the early nineteen-seventies, and developed out of the existing tradition of working with straw, more than a hundred years old. Straw abounds in Vojvodina and it inspired women to weave small objects to decorate their dress and hair during festivities but also on other occasions. The originally family custom spread from Đurđin, Tavankut and Žednik to farms in the area. After treatment by a number of techniques, the straw was shaped to depict traditional but also present-day scenes from everyday life. Every picture reflected individual style and aesthetics. Today such works are a part the rural and urban environment alike. Along with the pictures, the exhibition also presented Christmas cakes named Bošićnjaci (after Croatian Bošić – Christmas), cakes and breads decorated with figurines, also fashioned from dough, symbolizing Nativity cribs.
**Exhibition of Nativity Cribs**


Author: Josip Barlek

In the round room on the first floor the Museum presented Nativity cribs – the works of the Association of the Friends of Croatian Nativity Cribs – made of various materials.

**Visiting Exhibitions of the Ethnographic Museum**

**Children’s Toys from the Croatian Heritage**

Museum of Slavonia, Osijek, 27 January – 4 May 2014

Author: Iris Biškupić Bašić, Ph.D.
Collaborator: Jasminka Vujičić
Matija Dronjić
Layout designer: Nikolina Jelavić-Mitrović

**Children’s Toys from the Croatian Heritage**

Ethnographic Museum of Istria/Museo Etnografico dell’Istria, Pazin, 6 May – 15 October 2015

Author: Iris Biškupić Bašić, Ph.D.
Collaborator: Jasminka Vujičić
Matija Dronjić
Layout designer: Nikolina Jelavić-Mitrović

**Children’s Toys from the Croatian Heritage**

Museum of Turopolje, Velika Gorica, 10 December 2014 - 3 March 2015

Author: Iris Biškupić Bašić, Ph.D.
Collaborator: Jasminka Vujičić
Matija Dronjić
Layout designer: Nikolina Jelavić-Mitrović

The exhibition presented the wealth and variety of children’s toys in Croatia, objects deserving particular note because of their originality, function and attractiveness, produced in Croatian villages since the late 19th century. The exhibited toys were made by children who used materials from nature, but also by adults, members of their families, who found models in nature. Most of the exhibits are toys produced for the market in some villages which had organised cooperatives, e.g., the village of Vidovec in the Prigorje region, in Croatian Zagorje and in Zelovo in the Dalmatian hinterland. The exhibited toys from the Collection of the Ethnographic Museum – animal figures,
flutes, children’s furniture, vehicles etc. – are made of wood, ceramics and wicker. Owing to the toy-making skill of the masters still active in the villages of Hrvatsko Zagorje, in 2009 the toys were inscribed on the representative UNESCO List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. The toy-making masters and the workshops for making wooden and ceramic children’s toys were presented on films.

**CROATIAN TRADITIONAL CHILDREN’S TOYS**

Culture and Education Centre, Susedgrad, 4 April – 2 May 2014

Author: Iris Biškupić Bašić, Ph.D.
Layout designer: Nikolina Jelavić-Mitrović

The exhibition presented traditional toys still produced in handicraft workshops and used by the children. They all originate from north-western Croatia.

**TRADITIONAL TOYS**

“M2” Children’s Library, Zagreb, 3-31 March 2014

Author: Željka Jelavić

This limited scope, theme-focused education exhibition presented still produced and used wooden toys and toy instruments.

**LET’S HAVE A CUP OF COFFEE**

**THE ENTREPRENEURS OF ZAGREB AND ZADAR, AND THEIR VIEW ON THE CULTURE OF COFFEE CONSUMPTION**


Author: Zvjezdana Antoš, Ph.D.
Layout designer: Nikolina Jelavić-Mitrović

The exhibition, originally held in the Ethnographic Museum in Zagreb in 2010, was the result of a two-year interdisciplinary study, and presented the coffee phenomenon through growing methods, production and spread over the past. The habits and customs related to coffee consumption in the past and the present were also presented.

**CROATIAN INTANGIBLE HERITAGE ON UNESCO LISTS**

Croatian Tourist Trade Museum, Opatija, 4 April – 1 July 2014

Author: Iris Biškupić Bašić, Ph.D.
Layout designer: Nikolina Jelavić-Mitrović
The exhibition was the result of long-standing effort and endeavour of the Republic of Croatia and of the Ministry of Culture as the leading body responsible for the preservation and protection of cultural goods, and of local communities, experts and bearers of cultural goods, focused on the inscription of Croatian cultural goods on the World List. Since 2009 the number of Croatian cultural goods on UNESCO lists has increased to thirteen on the UNESCO representative list of the intangible culture of humanity, and one intangible cultural item on list of endangered cultural heritage in need of urgent protection. The exhibition panels presented the text and photographs, the map of the locality and the part of Croatia from which the cultural item originates. The event included a short film on thirteen phenomena and the latest film on Croatia’s recent application. Where possible, the visitors could also hear audio records. Cultural goods were shown with characteristic objects.

100 PRESEPI
Church of S. Maria del Popolo, Rome, Italy, 27 November 2014 – 6 January 2015
Object selection: Danijela Križanec Beganović
The Museum traditionally presents cribs from its holdings at the international “100 Nativity Cribs” exhibition in Rome. Three crib ensembles were presented, two from north-western Croatia and one from Tyrol.

BORGHI E PRESEPI
Sutrio, Italy, 11 December 2014 – 15 January 2015
Object selection: Danijela Križanec Beganović
The Ethnographic Museum has taken part for many years in the international exhibition of Nativity cribs in the town of Sutrio, north-eastern Italy. This time it presented a crib ensemble from Jastrebarsko.

THE BLONDE JOKE: STEREOTYPES WITH WHICH WE LIVE BY
Šibenik City Museum, 18 December 2014- 31 January 2015
Author: Irena Kolbas, M.S.
Collaborator: Luka Strašek
The exhibition – of a somewhat reduced scope as compared with the event in the Ethnographic Museum in Zagreb – presented objects, documents and works of art related to the considerations, feelings and forms of behaviour associated causally and consequentially with the biases and stereotypes that follow us and/or live with us all our life. The exhibition referred to the themes of race, gender, ethnic, linguistic and other stereotypes around us.


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