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Caspar David Friedrich & Greifswald

Caspar David Friedrich:

- * 5 September 1774 in Greifswald → 2024 = 250th anniversary
- First drawing lessons from the University of Greifswald's academic art teacher Johann Gottfried Quistorp
- 1794–1798 study at the Royal Danish Academy of Arts in Copenhagen
- 1798–1840 Life and work in Dresden
- † 7 May 1840 in Dresden
- Now considered a world-renowned painter and most well-known representative of the Romantic movement
- Most famous paintings: Chalk Cliffs on Rügen, Wanderer Above the Sea of Fog, The Monk by the Sea, Meadows near Greifswald

Greifswald and Caspar David Friedrich:

- Birthplace (now: Caspar-David-Friedrich Centre) and place of baptism (St. Nicholas' Cathedral – baptism record has been preserved as an important historic document)
- Place of education (first drawing lessons from academic art teacher at the University of Greifswald, Johann Gottfried Quistorp)

The 250th Caspar David Friedrich Anniversary 2024 in Greifswald

The anniversary

- Year-round programme of cultural events
- Wide range of events spanning all artistic mediums and audiences
- Currently over 200 events planned for certain
- Readings and lectures, theatre productions, concerts, films, special exhibitions, art in public spaces, and much more
- Organised by numerous local organisers involved with Caspar David Friedrich and the University and Hanseatic City of Greifswald
- First steps for the anniversary already started in 2018 (establishment of AG CDF 2024)
- Coordinated by the “Caspar David Friedrich 2024 Greifswald” Anniversary Office at the Office for Education, Culture and Sport, University and Hanseatic City of Greifswald
- Funded by The Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and the Media (BKM) and the University and Hanseatic City of Greifswald, with €2.9 million each

The Anniversary Office

- Project management, expert adviser and three full-time employees
 - o Project Management: Anett Hauswald
 - o Expert Adviser: Susanne Papenfuß
 - o Project Coordination: Andrea Günther
 - o Project Assistance: Lea Muth
 - o Press/Marketing: Tobias Bessert
- Tasks: coordination, planning support, networking with other CDF organisations and institutions beyond Greifswald, publicity work, distribution of funding
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Photos of the anniversary

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Caspar David Friedrich Anniversary 2024: the highlights

Opening ceremony

The anniversary year will open on 20 January 2024 in a ceremony at St. Nicholas' Cathedral where Friedrich was baptised. The journalist and art historian Florian Illies will give the welcome address. Musical accompaniment will be provided by internationally renowned electro musician Christian Löffler, who will follow the speeches with a concert and lightshow designed especially for the cathedral.

20 January 2024 | St. Nicholas' Cathedral | admission free (already fully booked)

Dom romantisch!

As part of the “Dom romantisch!” initiative the St. Nicholas parish have brought a world star to Greifswald – Ólafur Elíasson is one of the most well-known contemporary artists. Based on Friedrich's piece “Hutten's Grave”, the new design of the east window group will envelop the cathedral in bright light to evoke the colour spectrum used by Caspar David Friedrich. Construction work began 2023– and the window group will be ceremonially unveiled during a service on 7 April 2024.

7 April | St. Nicholas' Cathedral | admission free

Life Lines, Places of Longing, Hometown, The Hidden Life of Pictures and Friedrich's Friends and Acquaintances – special exhibition highlights in the anniversary year

2024 will be filled with special exhibitions for the anniversary. Highlights include the exhibitions at the Pomeranian State Museum, the Caspar David Friedrich Centre, and the socio-cultural centre St. Spiritus.

While the special exhibition “Life Lines” at the Pomeranian State Museum will show the museum's extensive inventory almost in its entirety for the first time, the exhibitions “Places of Longing” and “Hometown” will display notable paintings such as *Chalk Cliffs on Rügen* and *Meadows near Greifswald*, loaned especially for the anniversary.

28 April – 5 June | Pomeranian State Museum | €10 (€ 8 reduced)

The Caspar David Friedrich Centre will display various collections tracing the artist's life through his paintings and drawings in the special exhibition “Caspar David Friedrich. The Hidden Life of Pictures” from 1 May to 15 October, exploring the biographies of the selected art pieces.

1 May – 15 October | Caspar David Friedrich Centre

The exhibition “Caspar David Friedrich: Friends and Acquaintances in Greifswald” at the socio-cultural centre St. Spiritus from June to September will focus on Friedrich's personal network of friends and acquaintances in Greifswald. Friedrich's first art teacher Johann Gottfried Quistorp is presented as an important friend and mentor, as well as the poet Dichter Ludwig Gotthard Kosegarten, and the artists Karl Schildener, Gottlieb Giese and Wilhelm Titel.

25 June – 20 September | socio-cultural centre St. Spiritus

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Von Greifswald in die Welt

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***The Sea of Ice* – world premiere with Christian Jost, Daniel Hope, the Zurich Chamber Orchestra**

As part of the Festspiele MV, one of Germany's largest classical music festivals, Christian Jost – one of the most renowned composers of our time – has composed a piece on the city's famous son for the anniversary. The commissioned piece for Caspar David Friedrich will be presented here for the first time – by the Zurich Chamber Orchestra, star violinist Daniel Hope, and the SIGNUM saxophone quartet.

26 July | St. Nicholas' Cathedral | admission from €65

Martin Kohlstedt live in the abbey ruins

On 31 August, one of Friedrich's favourite subjects – the ruins of Eldena abbey – will be commemorated in musical form with a performance by Martin Kohlstedt. A musician from Erfurt, he combines classical piano and modern electronic beats in his work to create one catchy melody after another.

31 August | Eldena Abbey ruins | admission free

City festival: “Cake for Caspar”

What's a 250th birthday without a real party? On 5 September 2024, a big birthday celebration will take place at Marktplatz Greifswald. “Cake for Caspar” will involve a varied programme of theatre, music and birthday cake to celebrate the anniversary. The highlight of the event will be a joint project with Dresden, Friedrich's later residence.

5 September | Greifswald marketplace | admission free

Salon evenings

A unique part of Greifswald's city culture will be brought back to life in 2024. In the late 18th century Greifswald was home to a salon culture, where current events or chamber concerts were attended in small, intimate settings. In 2024, a series of salon evenings will provide opportunities to discuss subjects such as Friedrich's contemporaries, the mires of Greifswald, philosophical topics, and socio-political issues. One of the salons will be led by a meteorologist and dedicated to the weather in Friedrich's paintings.

2x a month, starting February

Light art festival

A bright spot in the dark autumn: Greifswald is set to shine in 2024! In cooperation with the Light Art Collection Amsterdam, Greifswald will be illuminated with a light art festival in November. The plan is to set up extraordinary and eye-catching designs at various locations around the city.

November 2024

What people are saying about the Caspar David Friedrich Anniversary 2024

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“Only Greifswald offers the unique combination of original scenes and preserved painting motifs.”

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Andrea Günther (Project coordinator “250 Years of Caspar David Friedrich – From Greifswald to the World”): “A really extraordinary programme is coming to life, put together by the City of Greifswald and dozens of other event organisers in and around Greifswald.”

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SAVE THE YEAR 2024

In Greifswald.

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HIGHLIGHTS 2024



20 January Opening ceremony at St. Nicholas Cathedral and Christian Löffler live

7 April Ceremonially unveiling of the east window group designed by Ólafur Elíasson

April - December Special exhibition highlights at the Pomeranian State Museum, the Caspar David Friedrich Centre and the socio-cultural centre St.Spiritus

26 July World premiere of "The Sea of Ice", composed by Christian Jost and performed by star violinist Daniel Hope and more at St. Nicholas Cathedral

31 August Martin Kohlstedt live in the abbey ruins

05 September Birthday celebration "Cake for Caspar" at Marktplatz Greifswald

November Light Art Festival with the Light Art Collection Amsterdam

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