

Programme 2017

**Kunstmuseum Thurgau  
Ittinger Museum  
Kartause Ittingen**

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## **Thurgau Art Museum Ittingen Museum Ittingen Charterhouse**

1 May until 30 September:  
Mon – Sun, 11 am – 6 pm  
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**Thurgau**



## **Ittingen Charterhouse – Cultural Centre, Power Place**

### **The Magic of Place**

The former monastery rests on the shore of the idyllic Thur river, a short drive from the small city of Frauenfeld and Lake Constance. 800 years ago the first monastery was established by Augustinian monks who were succeeded by Carthusians in the mid-fifteenth century. Monastic life and work have left a lasting legacy. At Ittingen Charterhouse it is not only the austere monks' cells but also the richly decorated refectory and sumptuous Rococo church that seem to echo the silence of the monks' work and prayers. Take a stroll along the cloisters and through the workshops to catch glimpses of a world which the strict rules of the Carthusian order usually conceal from outsiders. Unique to the Lake Constance area, this is a power place where authentic spirituality and monastic life continue to hold sway.

### **Ittingen Museum – Follow the Monks**

The Ittingen Museum is at the heart of Ittingen Charterhouse. It is dedicated to the monastery's history and the Carthusian order. Frescoes in the Rococo church tell the story of Saint Bruno, the order's 11th century founder. The spare cells continue to breathe the monks' silent and solitary quest for God. In contrast, a billiard table in the Charterhouse evokes the monastery's dissolution in 1848 and its subsequent use as an imposing secular country estate by the Fehr family.

### **Charme and Diversity of the Gardens**

Each monk tended a small garden outside his cell, growing healing herbs, flowers and other plants. The monks would have found the quadrangle at the heart of the monastery a place of rest and quiet meditation. Attended by lay brothers and farm labourers, the wide-ranging fields beyond the monks' quarters produced vegetables, fruit and wine, or were used by grazing cattle. Today, historic garden features collide and interact with modern types of cultivation. Embark on a leisurely journey to discover a unique combination of agriculture, ornamental and kitchen gardens, four self-guided garden trails and over one thousand rose trees and bushes in Switzerland's biggest historic rose garden.

## Thurgau Art Museum – Art at the Monastery

### Top Positions in Contemporary Art

Thurgau Art Museum's acclaimed art collection and attractive temporary exhibitions provide a topical contrast to its historic backdrop. Imbued with the former Carthusian monastery's extraordinary atmosphere, works by international artists including Joseph Kosuth, Jenny Holzer and Roman Signer develop here a particularly intense aura which contributed to the museum's reputation as a unique cultural centre.

### Thunder at the museum

'Ittingen Walk' was specifically created by Janet Cardiff for the surroundings of Thurgau Art Museum. On the audio-guided monastery walk, her voice evokes past worlds, spontaneous emotions and perceptions that mesh in a dream-like experience.

Just as great a surprise is Christoph Rütimann's *Blechwand* or sheet-metal panel. Its thunderous roar questions advanced notions in contemporary painting and sculpture.

### Irritated Idyll

Outsider Art constitutes a significant focus of the activities and collection at Thurgau Art Museum. Its impressive collection of Naïve Art and Art Brut has evolved around the estate of a local Naïve artist, Adolf Dietrich, who is now considered one of Switzerland's most important twentieth-century painters.

Unusual juxtapositions of art from various contexts in Ittingen are a constant source of new inspiration and unexpected stimulations.



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## Thurgau Art Museum and Ittingen Museum Programme 2017

until 15 December 2017  
Ittingen Museum

**Wine and Wealth**  
Wine production and trade in  
eastern Switzerland from  
the monastic era to the present day

until 29 January 2017  
Thurgau Art Museum

**Werkschau Thurgau 16**  
Current regional art

14 January until 6 August 2017  
Thurgau Art Museum

**Constellation 8**  
Human images, human portraits

19 February until 6 August 2017  
Thurgau Art Museum

**Glaser/Kunz**  
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21 May 2017  
Thurgau Art Museum  
Ittingen Museum

**IMD – International Museum Day**  
“The Total Museum”  
and LOOP launch

21 May 2017 until 2020  
Thurgau Art Museum

**Bildstein | Glatz**  
LOOP. Open-air installation

10 June 2017  
Thurgau Art Museum  
Ittingen Museum

**Art and Sound  
in the Cloister Garden**  
Long Night of  
Lake Constance Gardens

13 until 16 July 2017  
Ittingen Museum

**Carthusian Congress**  
Collect, copy, share: Carthusian  
book culture, then and now

27 August 2017 until March 2018  
Thurgau Art Museum

**Adolf Dietrich**  
Moonlight beyond the Lake.  
Paintings by a draughtsman

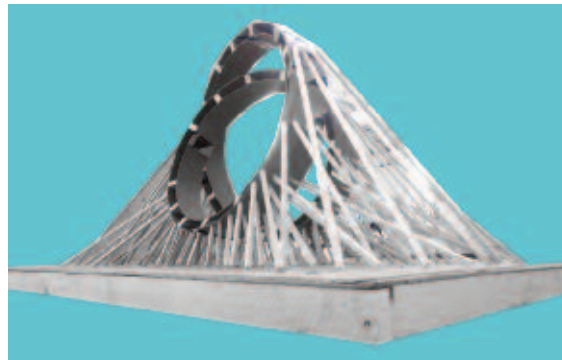
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Ittingen Museum

**A cooper at work**  
Open Doors at the  
Kartause Ittingen Foundation

For details on our exhibitions and events, please go to  
[www.kunstmuseum.ch](http://www.kunstmuseum.ch), visit our facebook page, or read our newsletter.



Glaser/Kunz, *Jonathan*, 2010, Art Basel



Bildstein | Glatz, *LOOP*, 2016



Adolf Dietrich, *Self-portrait with Accordion / Selbstbildnis mit Handorgel*, 1906  
*Portrait of a Boy / Knabenportrait*, 1909

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## Know More, See More

### Guided Tours

Join our guided tours on art, history or gardens at 3pm on Sundays. Private tours for groups on a wide range of topics, also outside official opening hours, can be provided on request.

### Audioguide and Audio Mini-Plays

Our audioguide helps you get more out of your visit. Ten audio mini-plays evoke the historic atmosphere of the monastery, introducing its residents and the way they lived.

For audiences aged ten years and over.

### Garden Trails (Audioguide) and Garden Events

Do you wish to know more about our gardens and our garden culture? Follow the four educational garden trails: Garden and Landscape; Silence and Spirituality; Art and Reflection; Perfume and Pleasure.

For more information on all Garden events, please visit [www.kunstmuseum.ch](http://www.kunstmuseum.ch) and [www.kartause.ch](http://www.kartause.ch), and see the Garden flyer.

### Museum for Children

Once a month, on a Wednesday afternoon, we offer a wide range of art workshops for children. We also provide workshops and guided tours for classes or children's groups outside our official opening hours.

### Knowledge Workshop and After Hours at the Museum

Talks, conversations and topical discussions with artists and special guests complement our current exhibitions.

### Newsletter, facebook

Let us keep you informed. For more details on current exhibitions and events, please visit [www.kunstmuseum.ch](http://www.kunstmuseum.ch) – where you can also subscribe to our e-newsletter, or join our social network at <http://www.facebook.com/KunstmuseumThurgaulttingerMuseum>.

## Ittingen Charterhouse – More than two Museums

A lively seminar and cultural centre has evolved around Ittingen Museum and Thurgau Art Museum. In 1977 Stiftung Kartause Ittingen was created as a foundation under private law with the express purpose of purchasing and restoring its extensive property. Major conversions and refurbishment work have since been completed by the foundation and its supporting partners.

The operational concept is guided by the monastic values of culture, spirituality, education, social care, hospitality and self-sufficiency. A large farm with its own vineyard, dairy and market garden, is complemented by a residential home and workshop for over sixty men and women with physical or mental disabilities.

Delicious and wholesome specialities from our own fields and gardens are available at the Monastery Shop and at the stylish "Mühle" restaurant, a former watermill. In the warmer season, one of Eastern Switzerland's most delightful outdoor restaurants exerts a special charm. Two guest houses feature modern and comfortable rooms.

Ittingen's museum shows are complemented by a range of cultural events that cater to a wide audience. The list includes morning prayers and poetry readings as well as the exquisite chamber concerts of the Ittingen Whitsun Festival/ *Ittinger Pfingstkonzerte*.

Ittingen Charterhouse continues to uphold a culture of living spirituality. A thyme labyrinth is freely accessible for anyone wishing to walk, step by step, into the centre. The Room of Silence provides space to pause, meditate and draw strength from stillness. Closing the circle, spiritual courses and events are held at "tecum", Ittingen Charterhouse's Evangelical educational and meeting centre.



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### Opening Hours

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Please note that all venues of Ittingen Charterhouse close around mid-December and re-open in early January.

### Admission

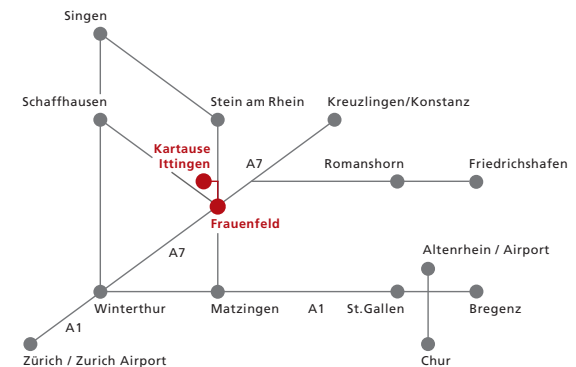
CHF 10.00 per person; Concessions CHF 7.00; free entry for children under 16. Admission includes Audioguide with ten audio mini-plays and four garden trails. Guided tours for private groups on a wide range of topics, from CHF 120.00.

### Find Us – By Public Transport

Public bus no 819 from Frauenfeld SBB train station to Kartause Ittingen. Go to [www.sbb.ch](http://www.sbb.ch) for further information.

### Find Us – By Car

Motorway A7, exit Frauenfeld West; then follow brown road signs "Kartause Ittingen" (4.5 km / 2.8 mi).



For any further information, please visit [www.kunstmuseum.ch](http://www.kunstmuseum.ch).



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