



Heinzels

Winter Fairytale



News from the “Heinzelmännchen“ New merchants, new program & much more

From November 24, the Heinzelmännchen will once again transform Cologne's Old Town into a true winter wonderland – a historic Christmas market with probably the most beautiful open-air ice rink in Germany. The little gnomes' Christmas market is not only the oldest, but with around 100,000 square feet and over 120 market stalls, it is also the largest Christmas market in the cathedral city. Everywhere the visitor is reminded of the famous Cologne “Heinzelmännchen” legend.

This year, the Heinzelmännchen have come up with all sorts of new ideas for their market. In this press release you will find an overview of the most important information.



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We are happy to help – Press contact

Would you like to report on „Heinzel's Winter Fairy Tale“ or are you looking for Christmas motifs? Simply contact us. We are also happy to support you on site. Are you looking for different interview partners? Would you like access to the ice rink or the historic Ferris wheel? You want all the important motifs, highlights and special features at a glance? We will be happy to help you.

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New market stalls – a selection

Christmas Alley

Christmas Baking

Attention baking fans: If you've always wanted to make an impression with cookies in different shapes, you've come to the right place. In the Christmas bakery, there is an almost inexhaustible variety of accessories for Christmas cookies.

Cinnamon Rolls

Even their great-grandparents were confectioners – now the three sisters Vassilena, Vania and Violetta are trying their hand at a very special family recipe: cinnamon buns. The delicious yeast buns will give the Christmas Alley an irresistible aroma. Pure soul food!



Craftsmen Alley

“Plumber“ for the soul

In the Craftsmen Alley you will find everything to do with yoga, self-care, care and relaxation.



Town Hall Alley

Dumpling factory

This classic delicacy of alpine cuisine will make your mouth water! How about a cheese dumpling, a bacon dumpling or a spinach and bread dumpling with a mountain cheese center? Or would you prefer a chocolate dumpling with a liquid hazelnut center? The savory and sweet bread dumplings from the „Knödelmanufaktur“ on the Alter Markt are handmade and served with wild herb salad and various toppings. Enjoy your meal!

Kibbeling

Crispy deep-fried fish fillet in the Dutch tradition is one of the most popular street foods in the Netherlands. The Heinzelmännchen are already looking forward to the perfect fried fish!



Nibble Alley

Jams

In the beginning, Carsten, Anja and their two daughters Carolin and Annabelle made a decision: „We're going to make our own fruit spread, that tastes special and that you can't get nowhere else.“ This resulted in 18 different, very special recipes made from fresh fruit and perfected with passion and love.

Chocolates

This new stand is a particularly exclusive address for chocolate lovers. The chocolate delicacies from Chocolaterie Jan von Werth are simply irresistible!





New: Walking Acts & jugglers

The Christmas Carollers

Watch out, real Christmas magic is on its way! In magnificent Victorian costumes, the a cappella group „The Christmas Carollers“ spread a touch of Charles Dickens‘ cozy Christmas magic with classic Christmas carols.

-> Mon.-Thurs. • 12:00-14:00 p.m.

Walking Act: the Dressmaker

As the legend goes „the tailor’s wife“ drove the Heinzl out of Cologne’s old town and the craftsmen had to work themselves. The tailor’s wife now hopes to find the hard-working Heinzl on the Christmas Market. In a costume and on high stilts, she is out and about, so that she makes a good impression and the Heinzl can see her well.

-> Mon.-Fri. • afternoons



Onil the dragon

The dragon Onil is a very special creature. The beloved monster loves bathing in the crowd, being fed and trying to hatch a dragon egg. By the way it is not only an omnivore, but also a recycling wonder! Acoustically conspicuous, the two-legged creature digests and recycles everything, anything that is bravely fed into the dragon’s maw. À propos:

Onil is...

voluminous, in love, crazy, unique, striking, healthy, trusting and fond of children.

Onil can...

walk, trip, wiggle, kiss, eat and digest, transform, swallow, give away, advertise and carry crazy ideas.

...and he is particularly looking forward to the Heinzl and lots of little visitors!

-> from 26.12. during the day, alternating with juggler Gilbert



Juggler Gilbert

Even after more than 50 years, Gilbert still raves about his life as a juggler. And no one can fool him. Whether as a fire-eater, magician, pantomime or automaton man – Gilbert has many people with his small artistic shows.

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Don't miss anything – Dates & Actions

Mondays – Children's day on the ice

The Children's Day is already a tradition at Heinzels Winter Fairytale – but ice hockey fans take note, this has never happened before: children (up to and including the age of 12) wearing a Cologne Sharks jersey get free admission to the ice rink.

-> Mondays • 11 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Jack's ice skating school

Ice policeman Jack particularly loves this mission: in his skating school, he makes children safe for future visits to the ice. The ice skating school is supported by Volksbank KölnBonn, with all proceeds going to the association „Zusammen. Anders. Wohnen. e.V.“ (www.zaw-koeln.de).

-> Mondays from 3:30–4:30 p.m. / from 27.12. daily 11–12 a.m.,
Info: www.heinzels-wintermaerchen.de/eislaufschule.html

Santa Claus

Wolfgang Kimmig-Liebe is the officially recognized successor of St. Nicholas, officially recognized and blessed by Pope Benedict XVI. 35 years ago, he set himself the task of doing good as St. Nicholas and to be there for other people. At the Alter Markt children can look forward to lots of surprises and treats from the famous cookie bakery Lambertz.

-> 8.12. • 1:00–5:00 p.m. • Jan-von Werth-Brunnen, Alter Markt



Special Postmark & Heinzl Stamps

Stamp enthusiasts should mark this day in their calendars: On December 7, stamps can be postmarked at the Christmas post office with an official special postmark from Deutsche Post for the first time. The Heinzl special postmark will be produced especially for this day and is sure to make philatelists' hearts beat faster. They can also look forward to Heinzl stamps, which are only available at the Christmas post office. „The Heinzelmännchen with the fireflies“ is sold by the „Lions Clubs Cologne“ and not only decorates Christmas greetings from the market. The surcharge on the standard postage this year goes to the Cologne Green Foundation, which maintains and preserves Cologne's historic green spaces (www.koelner-gruen.de).

-> December 7, Special Postmark • 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. • Christmas Post Office, Alter Markt



Silent Ice Disco

The popular Silent Ice Disco goes into the next round. In the Drive In at the ice rink, 100 headphones are available for skaters to get their own personal club feeling on the ice rink. DJ Mini from Soundshine will be playing. Tee Disco is sponsored by Mühlen-Kölsch. Open your ears & put on your headphones!

-> Dec. 7 & 14.12. • 7:00–9:00 p.m. • Ice Rink

Chimney Sweeps

The fact that chimney sweeps bring good luck is also a tradition at the Heinzels Winter Fairytale. This year, more than 20 chimney sweeps from the Cologne Chimney Sweep Guild will be painting visitors' black lucky noses.

-> 30.12.2023 • from 12 p.m. • Heumarkt





Infos & Facts

Climate-friendly Christmas market

The Heinzelmännchen market is climate-neutral. Avoid, reduce, compensate is the motto with which the Heintel want to make their contribution to a more sustainable Christmas. With various measures, we keep the energy consumed as low as possible and certified green electricity is used everywhere on the market. The CO2 emissions still generated during operation, construction and dismantling are offset in accordance with the Gold Standard by planting trees in partnership with „Plant for the planet“. More information at www.heinzels-wintermaerchen.de/nachhaltig.html.



Theme Alleys

The market offers a wide range of specialties, handicrafts and gifts. Its more than 120 market stalls are divided into different themed alleys and small squares that stretch across Alter Markt and Heumarkt. These are the alleys at a glance:

Antique Alley / Chandler Alley / Christmas Alley / Craftsmen Alley / Food Alley / Gold Alley / Nibble Alley / Town Hall Alley / Toy Alley / Winter Alley



Opening hours ... until January 7, 2024

- before Christmas (Heumarkt & Alter Markt):
24.11. to 23.12.2023 daily from 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- after Christmas (Heumarkt):
26.12.2023 to 7.1.2024, daily from 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Closed on November 26 & December 24/25

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More Information

www.heinzels-wintermaerchen.de/EN_index.html

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