

Temporary Exhibition

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Passion for Porcelain in Baroque Vienna

(30 January – 30 March 2025)

Liechtenstein Garden Palace, Fürstengasse 1, 1090 Vienna

Daily between 10 am and 6 pm, free admission

The Princely Liechtenstein Collections house exceptional holdings of creations produced at the Du Paquier porcelain manufactory in Vienna – only the second such enterprise to be founded in Europe. It was here that the first successful experiments in painting with a vibrant colour palette took place, on this fragile material that would come to characterize a whole epoch. In the contemporary international competition for innovative products and economic superiority, porcelain played an important role as a financial and commercial object. But it also changed dining culture by enabling dazzling displays of wealth and aristocratic status.

In the temporary exhibition, porcelain made by the Du Paquier manufactory will be on display alongside examples of the East Asian models that inspired it, complemented by precious lacquer and silver work, and paintings. Among the exhibits, elaborate dessert and hunting services can be admired alongside stand-alone pieces with playful decoration embodying the exuberance of Baroque joie de vivre. Through these objects the exhibition tells a tale encompassing ingenuity, passion for collecting, international trade, industrial espionage, the exchange of technologies and, not least, the splendour of the era's festive culture.

For further information on the Princely Collections:

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