



Tales, there is to be a comprehensive programme of events in the Grimm cities of Hanau, Steinau, Marburg and Kassel mainly in 2013 but also in 2012.

This leaflet is intended to give you a brief introduction to our Grimm cities and their connections with the Brothers Grimm, also with a view to attracting visitors. I hope that you will be inspired and will take advantage of the opportunities we have indicated to obtain further information. I hope that you will enjoy yourselves on the track of our Grimms from Hessen.

Yours sincerely

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The Grimms lived in four cities in Hessen. Jacob Grimm was also an elected member of the first German national parliament, held in Frankfurt in 1848.



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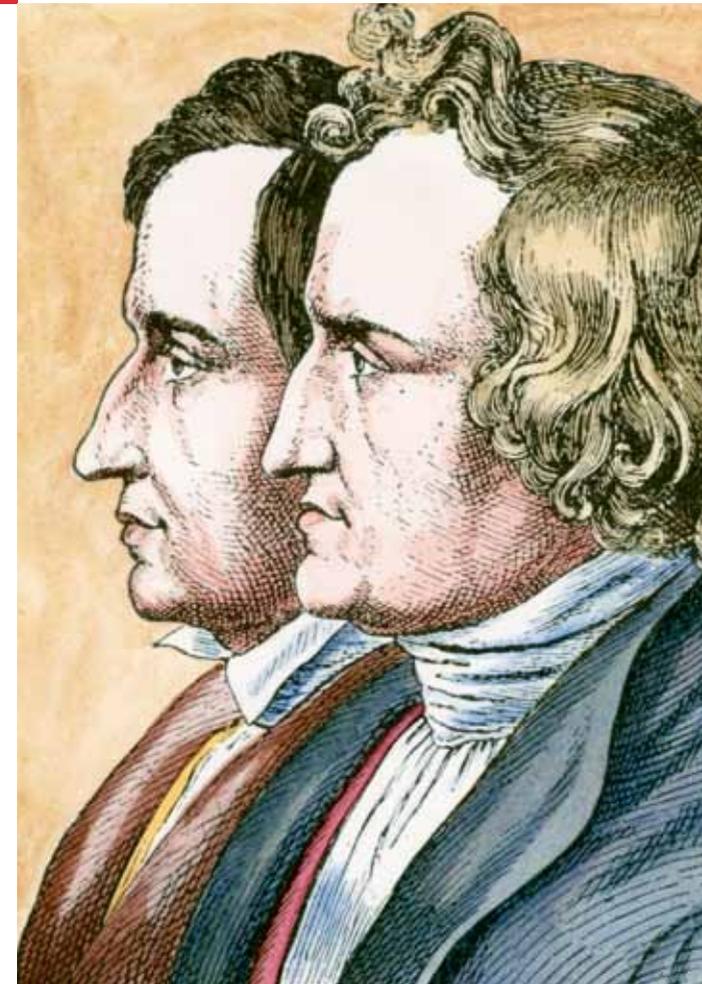
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Once upon a time, there
were two clever brothers

Four key cities in the life of
the Brothers Grimm in Hessen



Dear Readers,

If we think about key figures in German cultural history who came from Hessen, the first who springs to mind is probably Johann Wolfgang von Goethe. However, we forget that there are thinkers from Hessen whose works have enjoyed considerably wider circulation throughout the world than those of Goethe. Did you know that Grimms' Fairy Tales, the "Children's and Household Tales", have been translated into 170 languages since they were first published 200 years ago? Or that this collection of folk tales is the most widely read book of German origin throughout the world and is inscribed on the UNESCO Memory of the World Register? In Hessen, we can be very proud of the Brothers Grimm. They are also considered to be the founders of modern linguistics and German studies. The German Dictionary which they initiated is the most extensive work of European language studies. Work on the 32 volumes continued for 122 years! The many superlatives in the lives of the Brothers Grimm certainly deserve to be celebrated. 200 years after the publication of the Fairy





HANAU

The Brothers Grimm were born in Hanau on the River Main: Jacob in 1785, Wilhelm in 1786 and their brother Ludwig Emil, who became a painter, in 1790. They were born into a highly respected family and their father was a lawyer employed by the ruler. Their friendship with Marie Hassenpflug during their youth was to be important for their later studies because she was to provide folk tales from the Main region for their collection. Unfortunately, the historic residences of the Grimm family in Hanau were destroyed in the Second World War. The National Monument on the market square, created in 1896, refers to the place of birth of the Brothers Grimm and is also the starting point of the "Deutsche Märchenstraße" (German Fairy Tale Route) which runs from here to Bremen in the north. Since 1985, Hanau has celebrated its famous sons each year with the Brothers Grimm Fairy Tale Festival which has since been visited by about 1 million guests from throughout the world. A literature prize awarded by the city has borne the name of the Brothers Grimm since 1983 and the museum at Schloss Philippsruhe provides information on the home and history of the Grimm family. Hanau was officially named a Brothers Grimm city in 2006.

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STEINAU

In the romantic town of Steinau an der Straße with its picturesque half-timbered houses, the world of the Brothers Grimm still seems to be alive today. Not far from the magnificent renaissance palace of the Counts of Hanau, we find the imposing official residence of the district magistrate Philipp Wilhelm Grimm. He had moved to Steinau, his own place of birth, with his family as district magistrate in 1791. The Brothers Grimm later wrote that they had spent a happy youth here until 1798, when their father died at the age of only 44. The former official residence with its ancillary buildings is now a museum dedicated to the life and works of the Brothers Grimm. The redesign of the Museum was completed in 2011. On the ground floor, visitors can experience the family history and the scientific and artistic works of the Brothers while the first floor presents an exciting fairytale world full of surprises, not only for young visitors. Like Hanau, Steinau was also named a Brothers Grimm city by the state of Hessen in 2006.

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MARBURG

Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm went to Marburg, the oldest university in Hessen, to study law. It is still possible to follow the tracks of the young students, who lived here from 1802 to 1806, on a stroll through the streets of the picturesque old city. Sites which can be viewed include the house of Friedrich Carl von Savigny, a professor highly respected by the Grimms, on Ritterstraße or the house where they lived at Barfüßerstraße 15. In the company of Savigny and his friends, they were enthusiastic about the contemporary works of Tieck, Goethe, Brentano and Schiller. It is here that the seeds for their later research work on German literature were laid. The exhibitions in the "Haus der Romantik" on the market square remind visitors of this phase in German cultural history and the University of Marburg also has a research focus on the Brothers Grimm. In nearby Goßfelden, visitors can view the famous fairy tale illustrations by Otto Ubbelohde published in 1907, exhibited in the Otto-Ubbelohde-Haus. Under the motto of "seven at one blow", Marburg is opening the program of the four Grimm cities in Hessen in the anniversary years of 2012 and 2013.

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KASSEL

In their memoirs, the Brothers Grimm report that Kassel was the place where they were most productive. They lived in the city from 1806 to 1829. As librarians and secretaries in the service of their ruler, it was here that they founded German philology and literary studies, published their German Grammar, collected their fairytales and published them from 1812 to 1815. In the near future, the treasures from the heritage of the Brothers Grimm are to be presented in a "Grimm's World" in Kassel. A new museum is already being planned. It will present the full range of the brothers' activities in academic research, art and politics. The project is also to include the reconstruction of the apartment in the "Torwache" (Gatehouse) in Kassel where Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm lived from 1814 to 1822. 200 years after the publication of the fairy tales, the main focus of the anniversary programme in Hessen will be on Kassel. This will include the central state exhibition in the documenta hall, a newly designed Grimm exhibition in Palais Bellevue and an international congress at the University of Kassel.

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