

Faber-Castell celebrates 250th anniversary with 5000 guests

Official anniversary celebrations on 8 July 2011 in Stein and Nuremberg / Family of the chairman and chief executive officer, Count Anton-Wolfgang von Faber-Castell, politicians, international guests and employees are expected

Stein, 30th June 2011 – In the coming week the Faber-Castell company is commemorating its 250th anniversary with an extensive programme of events at its headquarters in Germany. On the morning of 8th July, an official ceremony will take place in the Frankenhalle congress centre in Nuremberg. Speakers will include Dr. Günther Beckstein, the former Prime Minister of Bavaria, and Dr. Ulrich Maly, Mayor of Nuremberg. The German Chancellor, Dr. Angela Merkel, will convey her good wishes by means of a video message. In addition to representatives from the political world, over 1000 international guests, the family of the company chairman and chief executive officer, Count Anton-Wolfgang von Faber-Castell and employees from the German company locations are expected at the ceremony.

In the afternoon of 8th July celebrations will continue around the Faber-Castell Castle in Stein. 5000 guests, including all employees with their families will be able to enjoy a varied programme of stage events and live music until late into the night. One of the guests of honour, the Bavarian State Minister of the Interior, Joachim Herrmann, will give an address. Guests, who are invited to wear their respective national costumes, will find regional presentations and tastings in 10 national pavilions, representing the countries in which Faber-Castell has manufacturing facilities – from Germany to Brazil.

Open-air concert in the castle grounds

In order to celebrate the extraordinary success story of the company with all interested parties from the region, Faber-Castell is joining the town of Stein to extend an invitation to a musical highlight on 10th July at 8.00 pm: 120 musicians of the Stein Symphonic Youth Brass Band and of the Forchheim-Buckenhofen Musical Society will contribute with a two-hour Jubilee Concert in the grounds of the Faber-Castell Castle. The musical evening will draw to a close with a spectacular baroque-style firework display. During the day, visitors can join guided tours of the recently restored castle. Entry is free to all events on the programme for 10th July. For more information, visit <http://www.faber-castell.de> (section 'Faber-Castell aktuell').

About Faber-Castell

Founded in 1761, Faber-Castell is one of the world's oldest industrial companies and is now in the hands of the eighth generation of the same family. Today it is represented in more than 120 countries and possesses 14 production sites and 23 sales companies around the world. Faber-Castell is the world's leading manufacturer of wood-cased pencils, producing over 2000 million black-lead and colour pencils per year. Its leading position on the international market is due to its traditional commitment to the highest quality and also the large number of product innovations.

Anniversary website: <http://250.faber-castell.com/>



Count Anton-Wolfgang von Faber-Castell is a member of the eighth generation of the family to lead the company. Here, with his wife Countess Mary von Faber-Castell, he presents the "Art & Graphic" anniversary case.



The employees of Faber-Castell in Stein are celebrating the company's 250th anniversary in the grounds of the Faber-Castell Castle.

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