



Invitation to the Press Conference

**TROY
DREAM AND REALITY
16 November 2001 to 17 February 2002**

For the first time an exhibition has been dedicated to presenting this exciting theme comprehensively.

In this exhibition the Iliad's world of Gods and Heroes will come alive through precious original manuscripts, written records and depictions on antique ceramics and sculptures. Medieval manuscripts, paintings of the modern age, prints and applied art objects show that the fascination with this theme has remained unbroken throughout history and art history, enjoying further popularity in modern advertising and caricature.

The archaeological section presents unique finds which have never been seen before outside of Turkey: a man-sized storage vessel, fine tableware used by the nobility as well as precious jewelry and weapons, among other things.

The exhibition, which has been on view in Stuttgart and Braunschweig, has been augmented by a few highlights for its presentation in Bonn, which includes the cast of a unique Hellenistic Polyxena sarcophagus and replicas of Priamos' 'treasure' discovered by Heinrich Schliemann. A particular attraction is a new large-formatted computer reconstruction of Troy I-IX produced by ART+COM, Berlin and sponsored by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research. This interactive projection brings the city's various historical phases and landscape to life in real time and integrates various exhibits on display.

The exhibition has been organized in cooperation with the Archaeological State-Museum of Baden-Württemberg at Stuttgart, the Troy-Project of the Institute for Pre- and Early History and Medieval Archaeology at Eberhard-Karls-University in Tübingen, the Regional Museum of Brunswick, the Duke-Anton-Ulrich-Museum, the State-Museum of Art of Lower Saxony at Brunswick, the City of Brunswick and the Art and Exhibition Hall of the Federal Republic of Germany at Bonn. The exhibition is under the auspices of the Turkish President H.E. Ahmet Necder Sezer and the President of the Federal Republic of Germany, Johannes Rau.

It has been generously supported by the T.C. Ministry of Culture – General Management of Antiquities and Museums, Ankara

The Press Conference will take place on Thursday, 15th November 2001 at 11 a.m. in the Forum of the Art and Exhibition Hall of the Federal Republic of Germany.

The exhibition will be opened for viewing by 10 a.m.. Please register for accreditation with the enclosed reply card or by Fax (+49/228/9171-211). **Extensive essays and photo material are available at the press office. Please direct all requests for interviews to this office.**

We are looking forward to your visit.

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