

# OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTIONS ROSTOCK CULTURAL HISTORY MUSEUM



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This overview is intended to give an impression of the collections of the Rostock Cultural History Museum until an online data base is completed. Special core areas of the collections are in bold print.

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## **Art Collections**

### - Paintings (1500 items)

- Dutch and Flemish Painting of the 16<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> c
- paintings of the Mecklenburg artists' colonies in Ahrenshoop and Schwaan and other colonies in Northern Germany
- landscapes, portraits, still lifes, genre scenes, 18<sup>th</sup> and mainly 19<sup>th</sup> c
- portraits of Rostock public figures including mayors and senators, Mecklenburg aristocrats, Blücher likenesses
- paintings early 20<sup>th</sup> c. including Corinth, Heckel, Schlemmer, Jawlensky, Rohlfs
- city views of Rostock
- Rostock artists / artists working in Rostock

### - Prints and Drawings (12,000 folios)

- Dutch prints of the 17<sup>th</sup> c including Rembrandt
- Italian, French, German and English prints of the 16<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> c including Dürer, Cranach, Callot, Piranesi, Hogarth
- prints and drawings of the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> c including Corinth, Heckel, Schmidt- Rottluff, Pechstein, Rohlfs, Barlach, Kandinsky
- city views of Rostock
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### - Sculptures (265 items)

- medieval sculptures from Rostock churches and Mecklenburg workshops
- sculptures of the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> c including Rauch, Scheibe, Scharff, Belling, Lehbruck, Mareks, Barlach
- sculptures by Balden, Thieme, Jo Jastram

## Cultural History Collections

- Archaeological Collection (25,000 items)
  - Rostock finds since 1883, Mecklenburg, pre- medieval finds from Germany
- Numismatic Collection (25,000 items)
  - Rostock coins, 13<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> c
  - coins of North German towns and territories
  - collection "Wendish Treasury" (14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> c)
  - coins of ancient civilizations and the Byzantine empire
  - medals (mainly Rostock and Mecklenburg, GDR)
  - seals of Rostock craft guilds and city history
  - historical seals of Rostock and Mecklenburg
  - plaster casts
  - collection of scales and weights, 16<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> c
- Weapon and Militaria Collection (900 items)
  - cannons of Rostock provenance, 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> c
  - rapiers, sabres and swords, 13<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> c
  - firearms, 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> c
  - lances und bayonets, including Rostock, 18<sup>th</sup> c
  - drums, mainly Rostock, 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> c
  - uniforms and equipment 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> c
- Handmade objects (800 items)
  - medieval bronze work, including bushel measures by Johannes Apengeter 1330
  - Rostock craft masterpieces, 19<sup>th</sup> c
  - workshop fittings, 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> c
- Textiles (5,000 items)
  - liturgical vestments early 15<sup>th</sup> c
  - altarcloth about 1500
  - historical flags, 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> c
  - items of clothing, men and women, 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> c
- Furniture (600 items)
  - board chest, late 15<sup>th</sup> c
  - baroque furniture, including cupboards, chests, chests of drawers, 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> c
  - craft guild furniture, mainly Rostock, 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> c
  - Biedermeier furniture, including giraffe grand piano by Carl Sauer, Leipzig, 1820
- Ceramics (1,200 items)
  - Dutch faience, 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> c
  - porcelain,
  - English stoneware
  - stove tiles, building ceramics

- Further collections of Applied Arts (2,000 items)
  - pewter (15<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> c)
  - silver (18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> c)
  - glass (18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> c)
  - clocks (17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> c)
  
- Toys (1,500 items)
  - dolls, 19<sup>th</sup>./20<sup>th</sup> c
  - doll's houses, 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> c
  - toys, 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> c
  
- Household effects (2,000 items)
  - mainly Rostock, 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> c
  
- Documents (23,000 items)
  - documents and archive records of cultural history mainly Rostock and Mecklenburg, some medieval manuscript fragments
  
- Photographs (5,000 items)
  - portrait photography 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> c
  - photographs middle 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> c, some Rostock
  
- Picture postcards (10,000 items)
  - picture postcards, 1<sup>st</sup> third - end of 20<sup>th</sup> c,
  - including Rostock, Northern Germany, GDR
  - greeting cards
  - field service postcards of World War I & II
  
- Posters (5,000 items)
  - posters 2nd half 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> c, including political
  - posters (1950s and 1970s), mainly Rostock/ GDR
  - advertising posters (1950s and 1970s)