

**PRESS INFORMATION**

**IN FOCUS: FRANZ VON POCCHI – FANTASY AND MOCKERY  
STAATLICHE GRAPHISCHE SAMMLUNG MÜNCHEN IN THE PINAKOTHEK DER MODERNE**

**PRESS PREVIEW | 11 JANUARY 2019, 11.00 A.M.**

**EXHIBITION DURATION | 11 JANUARY 2019 –27 JANUARY 2019**

Count Franz von Pocci (1807–1876) was not just a master of ceremonies, court music director, and the inventor of the puppet character Kasperl Larifari, but also an obsessive illustrator. 'And if I had a hundred hands / with drawing castles I'd never find an end!' reads one of his verses, in which he describes his boundless passion for the medium and one of his favourite graphic motifs. For the most part, Pocci drew imaginary landscapes and illustrations for his texts and songs. In his pictures, fairytale and legend go hand in hand with a studious observation of nature, making Pocci's art typical of the period. He also had a talent for creating utterly wicked caricatures to lampoon his colleagues at the court of Ludwig I and his fellow artists. Following in Pocci's footsteps as a caricaturist – as well as a chronicler for the gentlemen's society known as 'Alt-England' – was Count Ludwig von Otting (1818–1894), whose work is ripe for rediscovery.

Recently, a private collector in Munich enriched the historical holdings of the Staatliche Graphische Sammlung München by donating a significant collection of drawings by Pocci and Otting to the Museumsstiftung zur Förderung der Staatlichen Bayerischen Museen (a foundation supporting Bavaria's public museums). This exhibition highlights the importance of this kind of private engagement for the continuing development of a museum.

Thanks to funds from the Museumsstiftung, a catalogue documenting the exhibition and the generous donation (136 pages, 90 illustrations, €19.80) is being published by the Deutscher Kunstverlag, Berlin/Munich.

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