

PROGRAMME 2009

EXHIBITIONS :

PERMANENT EXHIBITION :

Every month we draw your attention to another treasure of the main collection which is presented in the museum.

January: The MIKI ELETA sculptures

February: The reconstruction of the Huygens pendulum

March: Miniature workbenches

April: The François Ducommun (1816) planetary

May: The first time-station in La Chaux-de-Fonds

June: The perpetual movement clock by the watchmakers Geiser (father & son) around 1815

July: The marine chronometer n° 12 (1774) by Ferdinand Berthoud

August: "The Premonition of drawers" by Salvador Dali

September: The Great Magician by the Maillardets

October: Abraham-Louis Breguet (1747-1823) watches

November: The one-wheel clock by Samuel Roy and son (around 1780)

December: The work-shop of past times

DONATIONS AND PURCHASES 2008

from 5th March 2009

The items received from generous donors and also purchased thanks to the support of the amisMIH during the year 2008 are now being exhibited for one year in the area reserved for the latest acquisitions : a fascinating discovery of the enrichment of a collection.

THE ECHO OF THE SKY

Linked to the history of the CERN, the history of cosmology or the Universe in all its states.

WATCHMAKING CREATIONS

9th May – 6th September 2009

All creations resulting from a contest, in which Watchmaking Schools and apprenticeship centres have participated, are exhibited in the museum.



EVENTS :

Thursday 5th March **6.30 p.m.** **Public ceremony**

DONATIONS AND PURCHASES 2008

The traditional presentation of the donations and items purchased over the past year will be held in the multipurpose hall Hans Erni. This event is organised jointly with the amisMIH.

March

LAUNCHING OF INVITATION TO APPLY FOR 15TH GAÏA PRIZE

Saturday 9th May **from 11.00 a.m.**

CONTEST OF CREATIONS IN WATCHMAKING

Award ceremony at 11.00 a.m.

Saturday 16th May **7.00 to 12.00 p.m.** **free admission**

NIGHT OF THE MUSEUMS

An unusual way of discovering the museum is in preparation, with original activities. Theme: the night of tales – the thousand and one hours of time. At the end of this night, the clocks in the museum will strike and chime.

Sunday 17th May **10.00 a.m.– 5.00 p.m.** **free admission**

INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY « MUSEUMS AND TOURISM »

The International Museum Day will be held for the 32nd time in 2009.

This day presents an opportunity for the professional staff of museums to approach the public and to make them aware of the challenges museums are faced with in order to be – according to the definition of the museum of the ICOM – “an institution in the service of society and its development”.

Saturday 29th August

The slow steps of time...

Like every year, the amisMIH and those at the Musée d'horlogerie of Locle organise an excursion with the theme of time and its measurement. The itinerary will be presented a little later.

Thursday 17th September **6.30** **Public Ceremony**

Gaïa Prize

The 15th presentation of this distinction will reward a personality who has carried out work and research which has brought attention to watchmaking.

Sunday 4th October

Swiss Watchmaking Fair

Thirty-third edition of this event organised together with Chronometrophilia. More than fifty watchmaker-tradesmen, antique dealers and collectors offer for sale : watches, clocks, tools and various items related to watchmaking.

