



Invitation

MUSEUM PROFESSIONALS IN DIALOGUE V: MUSEES GADAGNE, LYON, APRIL 16, 2010

The International Association of History Museums is organising a visit for museum professionals to the *Musées Gadagne, History Museum & the Puppets of the World Museum* in Lyon, France. All IAHM members are invited to participate.

Based upon the very successful previous such visits by our Association to the *House of Terror Museum* in Budapest (2005), to the *Museu d'Historia de Catalunya* in Barcelona (2007), to the *Musée International de la Réforme* in Geneva (2008) and to the *STAM City Museum* in Ghent (2009) we shall visit the *Musées Gadagne* in Lyon.

In the heart of UNESCO's World Heritage site in Lyon, the Gadagne Museums are located in Renaissance mansions in «Vieux Lyon»; they were re-opened in June 2009. Ten years of renovation works were necessary, in order to adapt the buildings to a modern museum and emphasize the building and its terraced garden.

The museum houses two collections: one is devoted to the history of Lyon, the other to puppets and marionettes from around the world. As a puppet museum, it deals with arts alive, traditional and contemporary creation. As a city historical museum, the Gadagne Museums carries out specific missions towards the inhabitants and visitors, as a resource for understanding the City and all its components: urbanistic, economic, social, political, cultural.

Participants to the Museum Professionals in Dialogue day will be able to visit the permanent exhibitions and discuss with the staff that planned and carried out the scientific and cultural project: success and failure, visitors, co-operation with other institutions and associations, partnerships.

The ordinary annual General Assembly of the IAMH will be held on the morning after our visit, on Saturday 17th of April. Please see the relevant information for the meeting.

The program for the day is as follows:

April 16

- 9.30 am: Appointment: entrance of the museum, 1 place du petit Collège, 69005 Lyon
Welcome reception and visit to the "Musées Gadagne"
- 1 pm: Lunch at the "Café Gadagne" in the Museum, graciously offered by the Museum.
- 2.30-5.30 pm: Roundtable meeting

- The renovation works and the new permanent exhibitions, two collections in a Renaissance building: projects, difficulties and solutions.
- The History Museum of Lyon and the links with the City: planning activities in and off.

8.00 pm: Dinner

April 17

11 am: Appointment: reception Desk in the museum
“Petit Théâtre” in the museum, 1st Administration Council meeting IAMH

11.30 am: “Petit Théâtre” in the museum, General Assembly IAMH

Please be so kind as to inform us if you intend to participate, and communicate us your hotel and/or mobile phone number. This information will be kept by Mrs Odette Balandraux (o.balandraud@wanadoo.fr), member of our Administration Council, to whom we present our gratitude for organising the event.

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