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“Victoria” gets a part in ZDF documentary – Roman ship goes into winter camp after filming is over

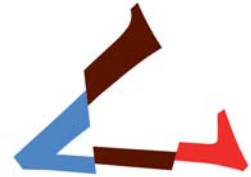
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The Roman ship “Victoria” has left her winter quarters in Hamburg-Harburg once again for the filming of a programme in the ZDF series “Schliemanns Erben” (“Schliemann’s Heirs”). A team from the Peter Prestel film company have been filming the full-scale reconstruction of a Roman river warship on the Elbe outside the Hansa City of Hamburg. On board: Roman legionaries, who have been getting down to the oars in wet and cold weather on the Dove and Gose arms of the Elbe. The “Victoria” is part of the trans-regional exhibition project “IMPERIUM KONFLIKT MYTHOS. 2000 Years Varus Battle”, which will soon be seen in Westphalia’s Haltern am See, in Detmold (Kreis Lippe) and in Lower Saxony’s Kalkriese.

In April of next year the 16 meter long wooden ship, weighing almost four tons, will have a part in a documentary on the Limes and the frontiers of the Roman Empire. ZDF is broadcasting the two-part programme by Gisela Graichen and Peter Prestel, “Schliemann’s Heirs: The Limes”, at prime time on Sunday, 5th April 2009 and on Easter Sunday, 12th April 2009, at 7.30 p.m.. For the next few months “Victoria” will be in storage in the shipyard where she was built at Hamburg-Harburg until she goes on her travels again in 2009. The Roman ship will be a guest at the exhibition locations during the exhibitions marking the 2000th anniversary of the “Battle in the Teutoburg Forest”, as the Varus Battle is also called. The “Victoria’s” itinerary will take her on journeys on the Lippe and the Weser alongside appearances at the Tag des Rudersports in Dortmund (8th – 10th May) and in Hedemünden/Hann. Münden (6th – 7th June).

The LWL-Römermuseum will deal with the Roman Empire at the height of its power in the exhibition “IMPERIUM KONFLIKT MYTHOS. 2000 Years Varus Battle” (16th May until 11th October 2009). The focus will be on art, culture and propaganda at the time of Emperor Augustus. Beginning with the Varus Battle, the exhibition “CONFLICT” (15th of May until 25th October 2009) in the Museum und Park Kalkriese, will trace the way taken by the Germanic tribes to a position of power in ancient Europe. With the help of archaeological treasures it shows, amongst other things, who the Germanic tribes were, how they were able to defeat the Romans and why war was their recipe for success. The scope of the exhibition “MYTH” in the Lippisches Landesmuseum Detmold (16th May until 25th October 2009) will be from Roman

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historiography to modern research. It shows what effects the myth around the battle had on German and European history and, apart from this, provides numerous insights into the everyday life and social structures of the Germanic tribes.

The exhibitions project “IMPERIUM KONFLIKT MYTHOS. 2000 Years Varus Battle” is sponsored by the Landschaftsverband Westfalen-Lippe (LWL), the Varusschlacht im Osnabrücker Land GmbH, Museum und Park Kalkriese, the Landschaftsverband Lippe as well as the Kreis Lippe.

You will find information and photographs on the exhibition project and on the “Victoria” under:

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