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*The Luther Memorials Foundation of Saxony-Anhalt, presents the National Special Exhibition “Luther! 95 Treasures – 95 People”*

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Martin Luther lived and worked for over 35 years in Wittenberg. It was here where he lectured to students from all over Europe, here where the writings that would change the world emerged. And most importantly, it was in Wittenberg where Martin Luther triggered the Reformation by posting his 95 Theses.

To commemorate the anniversary of the Reformation, the Luther Memorials Foundation of Saxony-Anhalt is presenting the National Special Exhibition “Luther! 95 Treasures – 95 People” in Wittenberg. The exhibition will be held from May 13 to November 5, 2017 at the Collegium Augusteum, the front building of the Luther House, where exhibits on loan from German and international collections will be presented on an area of some 1,200 square meters (13,000 square feet). The exhibition will also present some of Luther’s personal belongings as well as authentic objects from the Reformation and its history.

The exhibition focuses on the main event commemorated by this anniversary: Luther’s posting of his theses. The first part “95 Treasures”, uses extraordinary exhibits from the surroundings of young Luther around the time he posted his theses to follow the path of a young monk by the name Luder, who later became the world-changing Luther. What kind of person was the man who put the Reformation in motion? What drove the young monk to do what he did?

The second part of the exhibition introduces “95 People,” each with his or her own, very personal relationship to the Reformer and his work. The individuals chosen come from many different eras and hail not only from Germany, but from all over the world. The exhibition introduces personalities from the 16th to the 21st centuries – revolutionaries, Enlightenment thinkers, writers, artists, philosophers – leading to encounters with such varied figures as Astrid Lindgren, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, Edward Munch and Steve Jobs.

The exhibition includes a hands-on exhibition for children and young people and is accompanied by a varied program of events.

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Besides the Wittenberg exhibition, the 2017 anniversary year will be marked with two more National Special Exhibitions: “The Luther Effect. Protestantism – 500 Years in the World”, a Deutsches Historisches Museum exhibition at Martin-Gropius-Bau, Berlin from April 12 to November 5, 2017, and “Luther and the Germans”, a Wartburg Foundation exhibition at Wartburg Castle, Eisenach from May 4 to November 5, 2017.

The National Special Exhibition “Luther! 95 Treasures – 95 People” is funded by the German Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and Media and by the Ministry of Education and Cultural Affairs of Saxony-Anhalt.

All information concerning the National Special Exhibitions can be found online at [www.3xhammer.de](http://www.3xhammer.de).

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