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## Press release

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# Expo: 'ART NOUVEAU. Unique objects with a tale to tell'

**In the context of the 'Art Nouveau Brussels 2023' year, the King Baudouin Foundation will be exhibiting a series of Art Nouveau masterpieces from its collection at the BELvue museum in Brussels, from 7 June 2023 to 7 January 2024. This year's Art Nouveau celebrations are the perfect opportunity to shine a spotlight on this key period in Belgium's art history.**

Visitors will be able to marvel at both Art Nouveau masterpieces and a plethora of everyday objects, designed in the trademark Art Nouveau style. Behind each of the objects is a special story or interesting anecdote. Discover the exceptional objects and their history by visiting the free exhibition 'ART NOUVEAU. Unique objects with a tale to tell.'

Thanks to the generosity of its patrons, the King Baudouin Foundation has been able to acquire key pieces from the Art Nouveau period in recent years, including work by Victor Horta, Philippe Wolfers, Henry van de Velde, George Morren and Gustave Serrurier-Bovy. The collection contains a wide variety of unique pieces - from art jewellery, furniture and sculptures to ceramics, drawings and book covers. Several were handed down to us by the heirs or disciples of the artists.

While the pieces are usually exhibited in different museums around the country, they will now be showcased for the first time in one and the same exhibition at the BELvue museum. The Foundation's exhibition is part of the 'Art Nouveau Brussels 2023' initiative, which various Brussels museums and institutions will be participating in.

Belgium's capital city played an important role in the birth and popularisation of Art Nouveau. All through 2023, Brussels will celebrate and pay tribute to this distinctive Belgian style of art.

Professor Werner Adriaenssens, Art Nouveau expert and the exhibition's curator, will take us on a tour of about 40 iconic artworks and everyday objects that epitomise the Art Nouveau period. He will introduce us to this exceptional art movement, which is all about creativity, craftsmanship, nature, the graceful and fluid play of lines, and *Gesamtkunstwerk* (total artwork).

The stories of novelist and historian Marc Meganck take us back in time and give us a glimpse of the history of these special objects.

### Practical info

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**Free entrance**

From 7 June 2023 to 7 January 2024

BELvue museum – Place des Palais 7 Paleizenplein – 1000 Brussels

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