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At the FASZINATION MODELLBAHN from 7 to 9 March 2025 in Mannheim

**FASZINATION MODELLBAHN will open its doors in the Maimarkthalle Mannheim from 7 to 9 March 2025 and promises to be a highlight for model railway enthusiasts of all ages. Visitors will have the unique opportunity to experience brand-new technologies, digital features, high-quality equipment and impressive sound and lighting solutions live.**

**With renowned exhibitors, breathtaking model railway layouts, unique pieces in the private layout competition, a varied hands-on programme and informative presentations in the Model Railway Forum, this trade fair promises to be an experience for the whole family that guarantees 100 percent model railway enjoyment.**

FASZINATION MODELLBAHN offers technology fans, model railway enthusiasts and professionals a comprehensive overview of the latest trends and innovations in the model railway industry. Well-known manufacturers, associations and clubs present not only the various display layouts and their history, but also numerous opportunities to join in, tinker, play and buy. In the midst of miniature worlds that combine past and present, the exhibitors present an impressive variety of gauges, state-of-the-art technology, model railway software, accessories and many other highlights relating to model railways. Visitors can experience the whole fascinating world of miniatures and discover something new time and time again.

**Top-class equipment**

The hobby of model railway construction opens doors to other realities, promotes creativity, craftsmanship and sharpens skills. At the model railway trade fair, industry giants such as Märklin with LGB and Trix and, for the first time, Modelleisenbahn GmbH with ROCO and Fleischmann, Viessmann with kibri and Vollmer, Herpa and interesting small-series manufacturers and accessory specialists will be presenting an impressive selection from over 40 product categories. The range extends far beyond locomotives and wagons and also includes innovative analogue and digital control components, detailed figures and materials for the creative design of landscapes and nature. Visitors will also find a variety of buildings, lighting elements, interiors and decorations from different eras. Companies such as Herpa, Märklin and other well-known brands will be presenting their latest developments. Herpa is even offering an exclusive trade fair model at its stand: a Mercedes Sprinter with the branding of FASZINATION MODELLBAHN. Märklin will be presenting a wide range of new products for railway fans across all gauges. In addition to high-quality models and control components, materials for landscaping and interior design will also be presented. Visitors can find out about the latest innovations that take the model railway experience to a new level. With a diverse range of products, there is something for every model railway fan.

**Experience impressive model railway layouts**

The central element of our trade fair is the impressive ensemble of model railway layouts, meticulously presented by model railway clubs travelling not only from all over Germany, but even from the Netherlands and Poland. From the impressive 2m (G) gauge layouts to the charming Z gauge layouts, every model railway fan will find what they are looking for here. However, it is not only the variety of gauges that is remarkable, the themes of the individual layouts are also presented in a wide range. Each layout is characterised by a unique wealth of detail, charm and distinctiveness.

**Into the limelight: Eight private systems in competition**

The public will experience a special kind of highlight at the unique private layout competition, which is being held in cooperation between the trade fair organiser and the trade magazine MIBA under the motto ‘From the hobby cellar to the limelight’. Eight private model railway teams will be competing with their imaginatively created railway layouts. They are real artists and it is a great pleasure for visitors to discover the many finesses of the layouts on display and to chat about the details with the proud layout owners.

**Filigree steam models in action**

The builders of the stationary steam models are not only excellent mechanics, they are also very inventive. There is much to discover among the fine mechanical rarities and gems in action. One wheel fits precisely into another to keep them moving reliably. On a seventy-metre-long platform, visitors can marvel at many fine mechanical works of art in the form of beautiful filigree steam models.

In times of extensive social digitalisation, the mechanics of the steam engine, which are inspiringly easy to understand, exert a great fascination on technology fans. Flame-eaters, boilers, burners, valves made of stainless steel, brass and copper gleam on the pedestals and drive the most beautiful nostalgic miniature scenes. The modellers love every part of their faithfully reproduced individual pieces and demonstrate at the tables what is possible mechanically in miniature.

**Lectures and more in the model railway forum**

The Model Railway Forum inspires with an impressive variety of topics and expertise, offering something exciting for every visitor. This broad selection enables participants to take valuable knowledge home with them and gain new perspectives. As a special addition, guests can look forward to an exclusive selection of episodes of the popular programme Eisenbahn-Romantik. The programme takes viewers on a fascinating journey through the world of railway technologies - from historical masterpieces to modern innovations - and awakens a passion for travelling by train.

**Join-in activities for all ages**

At FASZINATION MODELLBAHN, visitors can not only marvel and discover, but also actively immerse themselves in the action. Interactive stations and hands-on activities allow visitors to get creative themselves: At the Junior College Europe, for example, kids and teenagers are introduced to model railways by building and playing independently at stations that build on each other in a sensible way. At the LEGO table with the track circle for the clamp building block wagons, everyone can give free rein to their creativity and build the craziest vehicles. And with the wooden railway, exciting routes can be put together and played with extensively.

In the Viessmann tinkering garden, interested visitors can get valuable tips on processing kits as well as insights into the world of electronics. The Märklin Erlebniswelt invites visitors to gain their first model railway experience with the *myWorld* and *StartUp* product lines.

At the MEC Waiblingen stand, visitors can gain insights into model design and digital control, while young visitors can integrate their own plastic kits in the handicraft corner. Visitors can also make customised wooden models at the Aichner craft corner and take them home with them.

**Model railway fun for kids and teenagers**

The non-profit organisation Eisenbahnfreunde Mannheim e.V. is committed to bringing kids and teenagers closer to the topic of railways. They will be presenting their young association and have some great offers up their sleeves. They will be presenting a Fischertechnik module in combination with a garden railway, a nostalgic miniature carousel from 1956 and a craft activity. As a special highlight, every child who visits the stand will receive a free children's ticket for Germany's largest reptile zoo, the Reptilium Landau.

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