

# Stars

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in the Baroque Hall

The stars: they are far away and yet very near. Since the beginning of time, they have fascinated people. Shining in the sky, they have provided orientation and given inspiration and hope. They were the basis for the calculation of time and for attempts to predict the future. And as comets, they occasionally spread fear and terror.

The exhibition traces the path of these luminous points in the firmament from antiquity to modern times. In it, we encounter potent archaic ideas such as Jacob's Ladder and the Star of Bethlehem, but also the great supernova of 1006, an early medieval terrestrial and celestial globe as well as memorable events such as the controversy over the correct calendar in the 1580s.

### Opening hours

Monday to Sunday, 10 am – 5 pm |  
Closed 30 October – 14 November 2023  
and 24/25 December 2023

### Admission prices

Entire Abbey District CHF 18 | 16 | 12 | 10

### Audio guide to the Abbey District and the old town

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### Public guided tours

Daily at 1 pm, in German  
Bookings for guided tours and information  
tours@stiftsbezirk.ch, Phone +41 71 227 34 16

### Exhibition catalogue

Available from the shop or via our website

### Address

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### Illustration on the front:

Foreground: Astronomer with attributes of telescope  
and celestial globe. Cherub in the Baroque Hall of the  
Abbey Library of St Gall, c.1770.

Background: Pen drawing of a celestial globe in a Latin  
version of the *Phainomena* of Aratos of Soloi, St Gall, c.850.  
The Abbey Library of St Gall, Cod. Sang. 902, p. 81.



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