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**The Treasures of the Fondation Napoléon in Germany,
from 11 February to 1 July, 2007**



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Following on from Brazil (Sao Paulo 2003), France (Paris 2004-2005) and Mexico (Monterrey, 2006), the Fondation Napoléon's collection of historical objects and works of art is to be exhibited Germany in 2007.

The **Preußen-Museum** (North Rhine Westphalia) has organised a large exhibition on Napoleon entitled *Napoleon. Trikolore und Kaiseradler über Rhein und Weser* which is to run from 11 February to 1 July, 2007, in **Wesel (11 Feb.-9 April)**, then in **Minden (6 May-1 July)**. More than two hundred exceptional examples of First Empire decorative arts are on show.

The majority of the pieces on show come from the Fondation Napoléon collections and include items such as the ensemble of nineteen plates from the Sèvres «Headquarters Service», a portrait of *Napoléon in his coronation robes* by Jaquotot, the Emperor's dental nécessaire and his portemanteau nécessaire by Biennais, Fontaine's sumptuous original watercolours used to make the *Livre du Sacre* published in 1807, a malachite, gold and pearl jewellery and a correspondence cache belonging to the Empress Josephine, not to mention an exceptional nécessaire belonging to the Duchesse d'Otrante.

There are in addition magnificent loans from the Paris Musée de l'Armée and the Musée national de Malmaison, and further loans from German museums.

The exhibition catalogue (in German) has been published by Böhlau Verlag.

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