



## HAUS DER SEIDENKULTUR

Take a journey back in time to Krefeld's golden past and witness a traditional craft practised in its original situation.

The silk weaver Hubert Gotzes founded the House of Silk Culture more than one hundred years ago. His firm designed and manufactured liturgical textiles of the highest quality, using only the finest Italian and Chinese silk yarns. His products soon achieved a worldwide reputation for excellence. The workshop could supply anything from the simplest stole to the most sumptuous and costly vestments.

The museum's eight Jacquard handlooms are over 150 years old. Our weavers are experts in manipulating their thousands of threads, thus keeping alive this ancient but not forgotten skill. We believe that we have the last remaining original Jacquard hand-weaving workshop in Europe.



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The firm Hubert Gotzes stopped trading in 1991. In 2000 the Society of Friends acquired the building and contents. The Land Nordrhein Westfalen and the Sparkasse Krefeld provided the necessary finance. Today the Society of Friends is solely responsible for the running and upkeep of the Museum.

### A Sensuous Experience

Time has stood still here. The looms seem to await the return of the weavers from their coffee break. A spicy odour of old wood and silken materials pervades the air. The old floorboards creak under the visitors' feet, until the loud clatter of the looms drowns all other noises. The shuttle must move to and fro many thousand times in order to weave a costly gold-enriched length of silken cloth. A visit to the House of Silk Culture is a uniquely sensuous experience for young and old.

Film shows, changing exhibitions, as well as lectures and study tours give an insight into the textile industry, which once made Krefeld, City of Silk and Velvet, the richest town in Prussia.

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### Opening times:

Every first and third Sunday in the month from 14.00 to 18.0 hours.

### Entrance Fees:

Adults: EUR 3,00,

Children & concessions: EUR 2,00

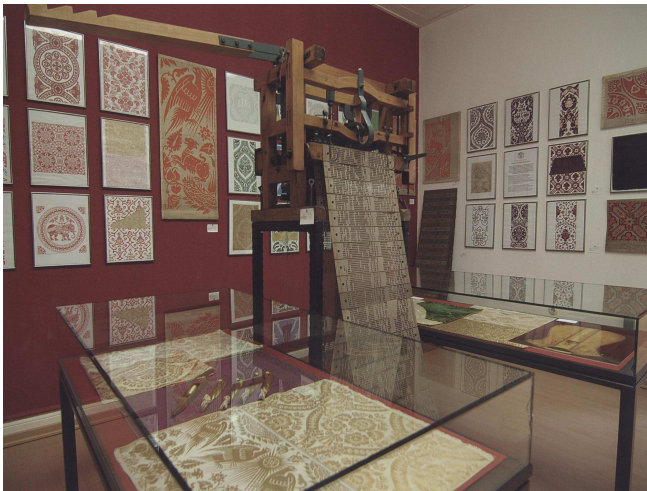
Please enquire for special arrangements for groups

### Museum Shop

We sell silk ties and shawls woven specially for us in historic designs, as well as other gift articles.

### Society of Friends

You too can help to preserve this unique heritage by joining our Society. Annual contributions at EUR 30,00 for private individuals, EUR 150,00 for Institutions and Firms.



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### Guided Tours

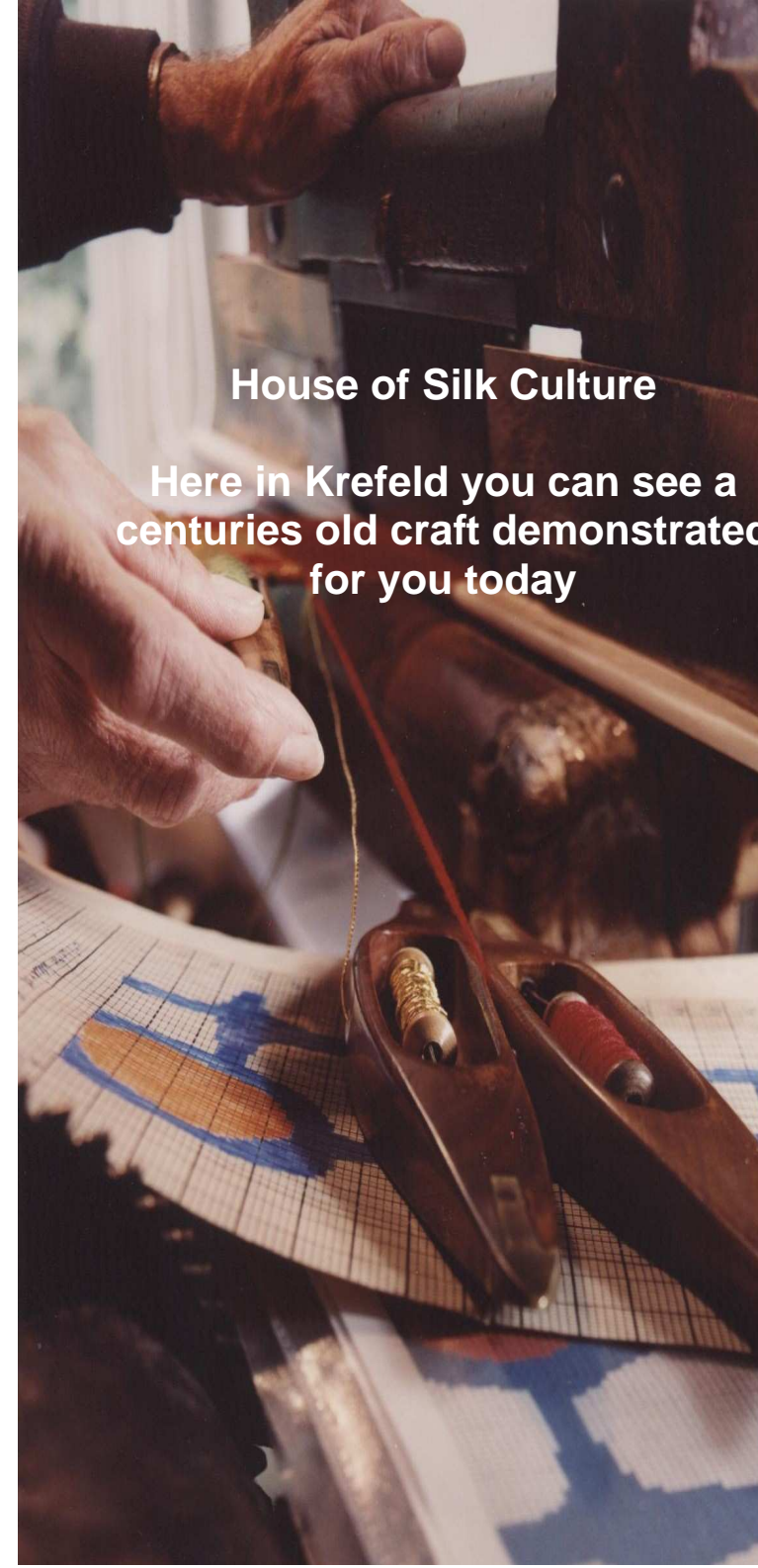
Our knowledgeable volunteers will guide you through our unique suite of rooms including the weaving workshop on the first floor, as well as demonstrating our various machines. You will see the entrance door for the workers and deliverymen as well as the main entrance reserved for the clergy and other visitors! Individually tailored tours for groups can be arranged.

We can organise weaving demonstrations, sight-seeing by bus or walking tours around Krefeld with special reference to its textile history and a special Weaver's afternoon coffee party. We would be pleased to arrange an interesting day for you and will take on the entire organisation.

### Access

The main Railway Station (Krefelder Hauptbahnhof), tram and bus stops are within easy walking distance. Coaches can disembark their passengers very close to the museum. Car parking is available in the nearby multi-storey garage.

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Here in Krefeld you can see a centuries old craft demonstrated for you today