



VERSAILLES



# THE WORLD OF FIGURINES

EXHIBITION FROM 17 DEC. 2025 TO 15 MARCH 2026  
AT THE ANCIENNE POSTE • 3 AVENUE DE PARIS, VERSAILLES

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Dragon Ball

## THE WORLD OF FIGURINES

# NAPOLEONIC SOLDIERS, MEDIEVAL KNIGHTS, SUPERHEROS, FANTASTICAL DRAGONS...

**Following the success of the Game Story exhibition held at the Ancienne Poste (Old Post Office) and tracing the history of video games, the City of Versailles presents The World of Figurines, a unique exhibition featuring 25,000 figurines, and celebrating the imaginary world, history and creativity of this ancient form of art, from 17 December 2025 to 15 March 2026.**

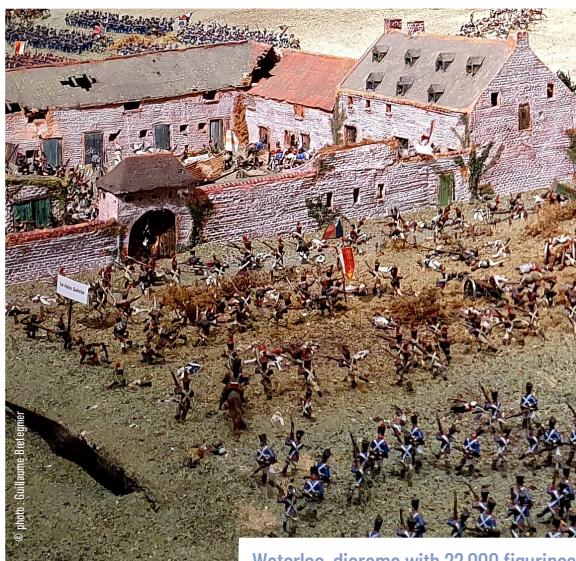


14<sup>th</sup> century Samourai warrior

## BACK IN HISTORY

### 100 m<sup>2</sup> and 22,000 figurines: the largest replica of the Battle of Waterloo in the world

Antiquity, Middle Ages, Age of Enlightenment, Napoleonic Era, conquest of the West and American Civil War, First and Second World Wars, etc., the exhibition will showcase the major periods of our history through meticulously reconstructed set-ups. The highlight of the exhibition is a spectacular 100m<sup>2</sup> model of the Battle of Waterloo featuring over 22,000 figurines. Each uniform, cavalier and army manoeuvre is meticulously reconstructed, so that visitors are immersed in the historical event.



Waterloo, diorama with 22,000 figurines

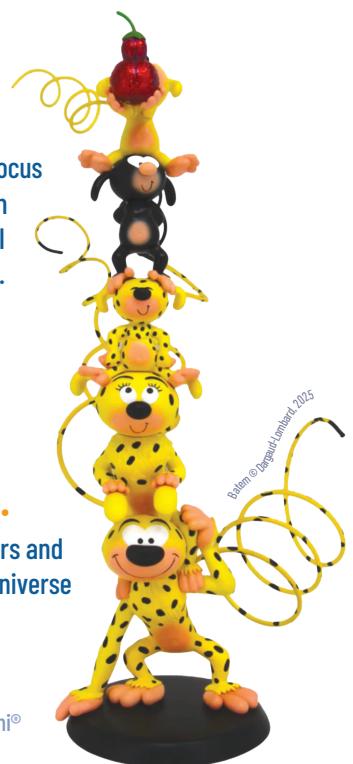
## The Middle Ages, as if you were there

Another highlight is the model of a medieval town showing scenes from everyday life: knights, lords, markets, trades, etc. To complete the experience, conferences will be given on fortified castles to discover the secrets of their architecture and the role they play in our collective imagination.

## POP CULTURE AND FILMS

### Star Wars, Marvel, mangas, Audiard, etc.

Cult figurines portray icons from television series, films, comic books, and leading figures in music, with a special focus on a series of characters from French screenwriter and film director Michel Audiard's films (the *Le monde d'Audiard* series).



## FANTASTIQUE ET IMAGINAIRE

### Tolkien, Warhammer, etc.

Step into the worlds of Tolkien, Star Wars and Warhammer and discover the kinds of universe inspired by these popular myths.

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## FIGURINES IN FACTS AND FIGURES

### Historical figurines

The first French manufacturer, Lucotte, dates back to the late 18<sup>th</sup> century.

Some collector's pieces are worth several thousand euros on the market.

### Figurines from pop culture and films

The global market for pop culture figurines represented over eight billion euros in 2024.

More than 500 million Star Wars figurines have been sold since 1977.

Over 50% of buyers in this segment are adults.

### Fantasy figurines

Fantasy accounts for nearly 30% of the figurines manufactured each year.

Since 1980, hundreds of series of figurines have been generated by the *Dungeons & Dragons* game.

The market for games with figurines represented over two billion euros in 2024.

Games such as *Zombicide*, *Star Wars Legion*, *Risk*, have been translated into more than 10 languages.

The French market in this segment is one of the most dynamic in Europe.

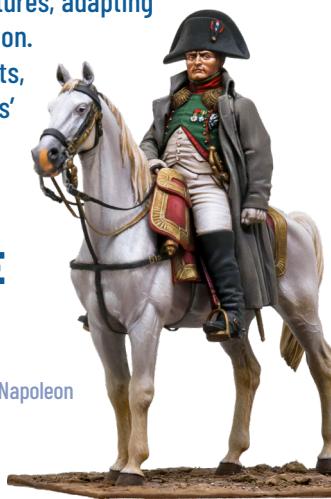


Fortified town in the Middle Ages

## THE HISTORY OF FIGURINES

### An ancient form of art

Figurines exist in every civilisation in the world. They have endured through time and across cultures, adapting to artistic and technological innovation. Originally spiritual or religious objects, they have become toys and collectors' items. Today, they fascinate art lovers, the public and collectors alike.



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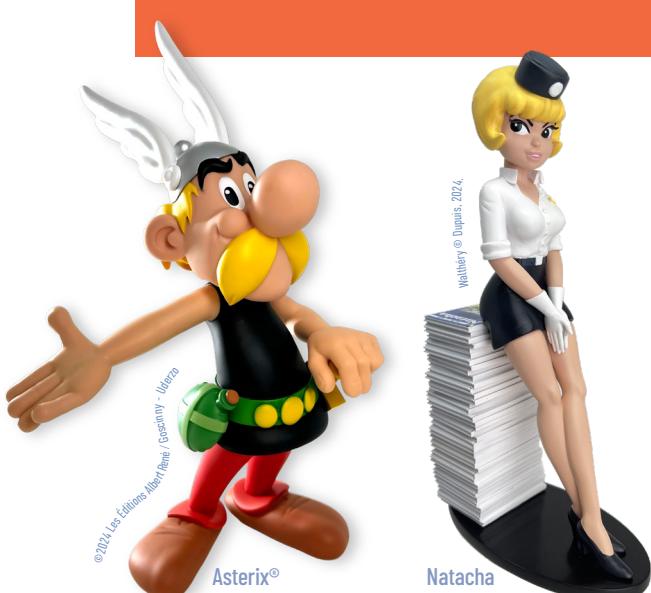
## A LIVELY, INTERACTIVE EXHIBITION

### Activities, workshops, demonstrations, etc.

The exhibition is not just something to look at, it's something to experience! Every Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday and during school holidays, activities and workshops (games tables with hand-painted figurines, demonstrations, paint workshops for children, introduction to strategy games, etc.) will be organised by the City of Versailles.

### An immersive experience for everyone

The exhibition is for public of all kinds: inquisitive people, enthusiasts, families, gamers, art or history lovers, etc. It is an opportunity to discover great stories through little worlds, combining wonderment, craftsmanship and cultural heritage.





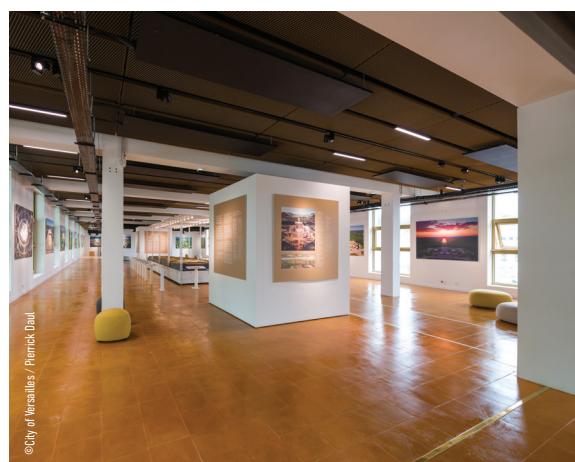
The Ancienne Poste seen from Avenue de Paris

## THE ANCIENNE POSTE (OLD POST OFFICE) OF VERSAILLES

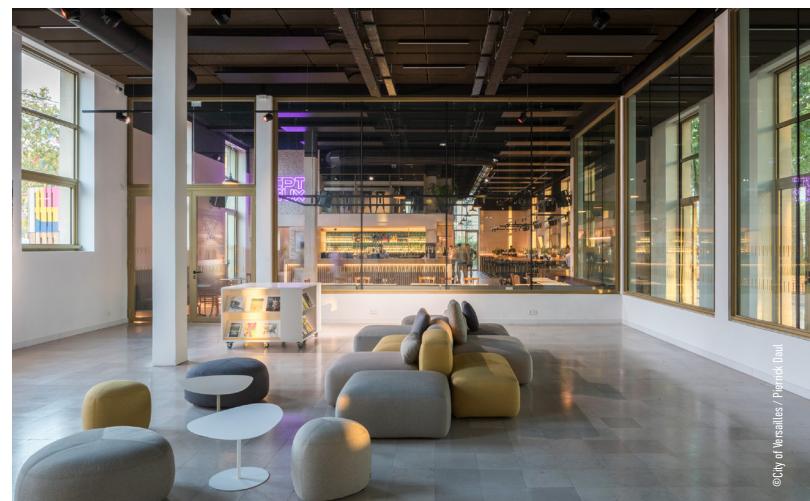
### A new cultural and events venue in the heart of Versailles

Inaugurated after two years of renovation work, the Ancienne Poste (Old Post Office) of Versailles has been rethought to become a new cultural and events venue open to all. Located on the Avenue de Paris, that leads to the Palace of Versailles, behind the Grande Ecurie (main stables) built by French architect Jules-Hardouin Mansart, the Ancienne Poste is ideally located at the crossroads of all the flows of traffic in town and visitors to and from the Palace.

Designed, developed and managed by the City of Versailles, this multimodal facility offers a multimedia library and three exhibition areas, which host exhibitions and events and can be privately hired for conferences, as well as a food court named *Sept Lieux*.



Upper gallery



Entrance hall

### Ancienne Poste

3 avenue de Paris, Versailles  
[ancienne.poste@versailles.fr](mailto:ancienne.poste@versailles.fr)

Wednesday to Friday: 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Weekends: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Entry fee 7€ / Reduced fee 5€ • Free entry for under 6-year-olds

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