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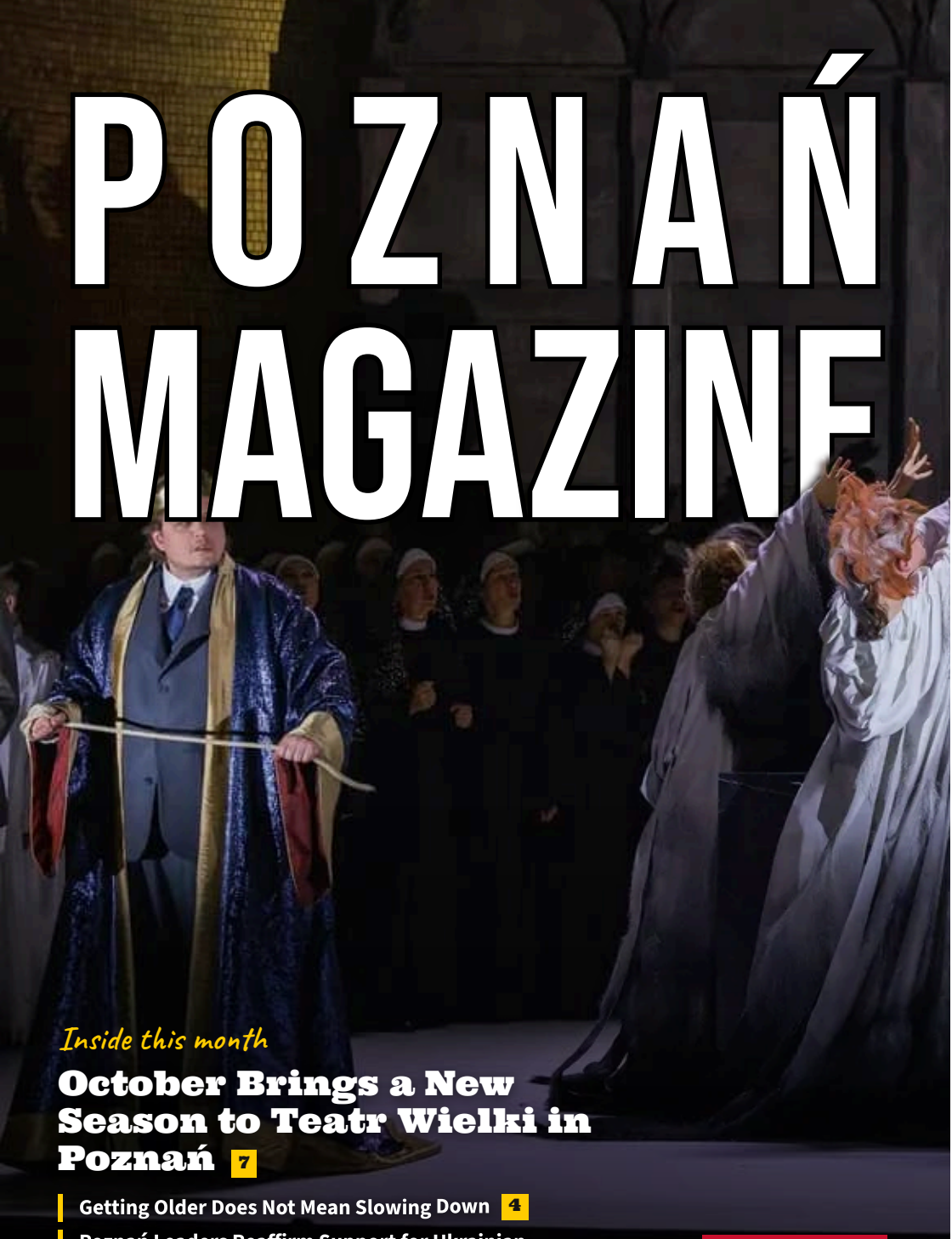

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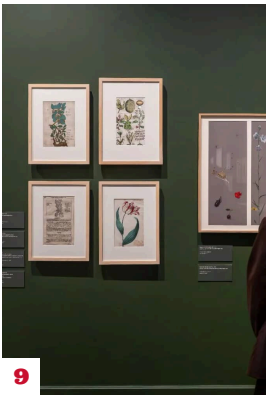

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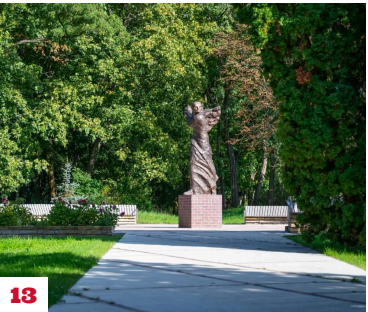

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Getting Older Does Not Mean Slowing Down

For many people, choosing where to spend retirement comes down to more than the cost of housing or access to healthcare. Being able to get around independently, stay active, meet other people and get practical help when it is needed can make just as much difference.

Poznań has spent years developing services and public spaces with older residents in mind. With more than 140,000 seniors living in the city, according to the city's figures, that represents roughly a quarter of Poznań's population.

The approach is not limited to care services. It covers transport, housing, sport, culture, volunteering and the everyday jobs that can become harder with age.

For years, we have been changing the city to improve the quality of life for people of all ages.

Says Jacek Jaśkowiak, Mayor of Poznań.

We are improving the accessibility of public spaces, developing more accessible transport, investing in healthcare and creating new services for older people. Throughout this process, we continue to work closely with seniors themselves. They know best what they need, and we listen to their voices.

Help with the practical things

One of Poznań's most distinctive initiatives is

Poznań Viva Senior, a collection of free services designed to make everyday life easier for older residents.

The programme includes practical assistance that might otherwise mean arranging a tradesperson, finding transport or asking family members for help. Among the services are:

Taksówka dla Seniora, providing free journeys for appointments such as visits to a doctor, an office or a cemetery

Złota Rączka, offering help with minor household repairs

Mobilna pielęgnacja stóp, a free foot-care service

free window cleaning for seniors

cemetery and grave maintenance

free smoke and carbon monoxide detectors

Poznańskie Pudełko Życia, designed to provide important information in an emergency

Książka dla Seniora, delivering books, audiobooks and films from the collections of Biblioteka Raczyńskich to people's homes.

The city also runs a municipal rehabilitation equipment lending service. A separate Punkt Opieki Farmaceutycznej helps older residents manage their medicines safely.

Information about senior services is available through the Poznań Kontakt helpline on 61 646 33 44.

Staying active, connected and involved

Poznań's offer for older residents extends well beyond practical support.

The Centrum Inicjatyw Senioralnych at ul. Mielżyńskiego 24 acts as a hub for activities and information aimed at older people. There is also Srebrny Fyrtel, while October brings the annual Senioralni Poznań programme, filling the city with meetings, talks and activities for older residents and their families.

Intergenerational projects are another part of the picture. Centra Integracji Międzypokoleniowej provide opportunities for older and younger generations to spend time together, while dozens of senior clubs offer regular social activities. Some are connected with cultural institutions, including theatres.

For those who want to keep learning, Poznań has several Universities of the Third Age. Others choose volunteering, including the Poznańska Akademia Wolontariatu Senioralnego.

One particularly unusual but heart-warming initiative is Senior Maluszka Tuli, through which older women volunteer to support premature babies at a municipal hospital.

The city has also had a Miejska Rada Seniorów since 2007, giving older residents a formal channel for contributing to discussions about issues affecting their lives.

Sport is part of everyday life

Age is no barrier to taking part in organised sport in Poznań.

The city's Trener Senioralny programme attracts several thousand participants each year, while the regular Spartakiada gives older residents the chance to compete or simply take part in activities including table tennis, chess, draughts, Nordic walking, badminton and swimming.

By Klara Ertav Online 21 September 2026
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Poznań Leaders Reaffirm Support for Ukrainian Community



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Photo: Poznań City Council

Serhii Miniailo, Ukraine's consul in Poznań, met with Poznań City Council chairman Grzegorz Ganowicz and councillor Dorota Bonk-Hammermeister on 24 September, with the meeting focusing on relations between Poland and Ukraine and the city's response to violence, hate speech and anti-Ukrainian attitudes.

The meeting followed a statement adopted by Poznań City Council on 8 September. In it, councillors expressed their firm opposition to violence, discrimination, xenophobia and hate speech, with particular attention given to cases of aggression against people of Ukrainian origin.

The statement describes Poznań as a city where differences can be discussed openly, while making clear that violence and hatred have no place in public life.

"Poznań was, is and should remain an open city: a place where people can differ and discuss, but where there is no place for violence, contempt and hatred towards another human being."

During the meeting, Ganowicz and Bonk-Hammermeister presented the adopted statement to Consul Miniailo.

"I am handing this important statement to the Consul, as a reflection of Poznań's openness, hospitality and respect for other people," said Grzegorz Ganowicz.

By Klara Ertav Online 27 September 2026
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October Brings a New Season to Teatr Wielki in Poznań



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Photo: Bartek Barczyk

Teatr Wielki in Poznań begins its new artistic season on 1 October with a month centred around Polish opera, dance and musical heritage. The fourth edition of the Moniuszko Festival takes over the programme, bringing together major productions, vocal performances, family events and a special tribute to one of Poznań's most influential figures in dance, Conrad Drzewiecki.

The festival opens with Hrabina (Countess), Stanisław Moniuszko's opera directed by Karolina Sofulak. Performances run from 1 to 4 October, with the production exploring connections between past and present and the changing role of women within society.

It sets the tone for a month in which familiar works sit alongside less frequently performed music, while several events look beyond the traditional opera audience.

Moniuszko Festival opens the season

The first days of October belong to Hrabina, before the festival continues with a varied programme throughout the month.

On 9 and 10 October, younger audiences can experience najnajDRZEWIECKI, an event inspired by the work of Conrad Drzewiecki. Designed for the youngest music and theatregoers, it explores sound, movement and storytelling through gesture, offering an introduction to the world of performance from a child's perspective.

By Klara Ertav Online 25 September 2026

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Run For a Good Cause at Lake Malta This October



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Photo: Fundacja Biegusiem, poznan.pl

Poznań's Lake Malta will be the meeting point for runners, families and supporters of foster care on 25 October, when the Jesienny Bieg Charytatywny (Autumn Charity Run) returns for its second edition.

Organised by Fundacja Biegusiem, the charity run combines a 10 km race around Malta Lake with children's events and family entertainment. Most importantly, all income from race entry packages will support newly established foster families and training for people preparing to become foster carers.

A flat 10 km around Malta

The main race covers two laps of Lake Malta, following a flat asphalt route. That makes it suitable for runners taking on their first 10 km as well as those looking to chase a personal best.

The start and finish will be located by the grandstands, with an event village nearby offering food, partner stands and activities for children.

Younger runners can take part too, with children's races ranging from 200 metres to 1,500 metres.

Everyone finishing the main race will receive a medal, while prizes will be awarded to the leading runners.

For those who prefer to stay off the course, there will be plenty happening around the race. The programme includes children's entertainment and a concert by Polish singer Majka Jeżowska.

By Klara Ertav Online 26 September 2026
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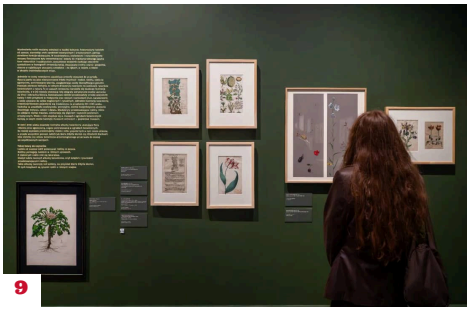
A Herbarium of a Changing World: Inside ZAMEK's New Exhibition



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Walk through the doors of the exhibition hall at Centrum Kultury ZAMEK and the first thing you may notice is not a painting.

It is the smell of wood.

Then come the sounds of birds, followed by the feeling that you have stepped into somewhere quite different from a conventional gallery. At the centre of this atmosphere stands a dead walnut tree, its presence immediately drawing the eye.

This is the opening impression of The World as a Herbarium. Nature in Art from the 17th to the 21st Century, the new exhibition at ZAMEK in Poznań, which opened on 5 September and will run until 6 December 2026.

By Klara Ertav Online 7 September 2026
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Poznań's Kino Pałacowe Helps Shape Accessible Cinema Across Poland



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A project that began at Poznań's Kino Pałacowe is now bringing together five cinemas from different parts of Poland to work on a shared approach to making cinema accessible to people with different needs.

The "Laboratorium Znaku Jakości Kina bez barier" project brings together cinemas in Poznań, Gdynia, Jarocin, Konin and Szczecin. Rather than creating a standard based on the circumstances of one particular venue, the participating cinemas are testing solutions in very different settings, from a two-screen cinema inside a historic cultural centre to Poland's oldest cinema and venues serving smaller cities.

The project began in May 2026 and is scheduled to run until May 2027.

By Klara Ertav Online 20 September 2026
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Poznań Celebrates Its Diversity with a Week of Events



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Photo: Poznański Tydzień Różnorodności (poznan.pl/ptr/)

What does it feel like to navigate Poznań in a wheelchair? Could you recognise the signs of ageing if you experienced them yourself? What can the city's history tell us about the people who have shaped it?

Those are some of the questions behind this year's Poznański Tydzień Różnorodności, which returns from 20 to 26 September with a programme of events designed to get people talking, participating and looking at the city from different perspectives.

The third edition opens on Sunday, with Stary Rynek becoming the main meeting point for local organisations, community groups and residents.

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Three New Female Elephants Begin Exploring Poznań Zoo



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Three female elephants have taken their first steps outside at Poznań Zoo, just days after arriving from Duisburg.

Daisy, 41, Etosha, 36, and 35-year-old Saiwa reached Poznań in the early hours of Wednesday, 9 September, beginning a carefully managed introduction to their new surroundings at the Słoniarnia elephant house in the New Zoo.

The three elephants had already settled into their individual enclosures by 7 am on the day of their arrival. With the help of three elephant keepers who travelled from Duisburg, they were able to start exploring the large indoor area known as the biegalnia the following day.

Their first outdoor exploration came on Friday, when the elephants were introduced to the eastern enclosure, the largest outdoor space available to them.

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Poznań Zoo's Red Panda Cubs Are Two Little Sisters



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Photo: Ogród Zoologiczny w Poznaniu

Two red panda cubs born at Poznań's New Zoo at the end of June have been confirmed as female following their first veterinary check.

The youngsters were examined during their first weighing, deworming and microchipping.

Each now weighs a little over a kilogram and, while their eyes are beginning to open more fully, they are still finding their feet.

For now, visitors are unlikely to catch much more than a glimpse of the new arrivals. The cubs spend most of their time inside their shelter, with their mother, Indira, keeping a close watch over them.

By Poznań Magazine editorial team Online 8 September 2026
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Maltanka and Poznań's Historic Tourist Lines Reach the End of the 2026 Season



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Photo: ZTM, MPK Poznań

The final weekend of September brings the 2026 season of several of Poznań's most distinctive heritage transport services to a close. Maltanka will make its last scheduled journeys on Sunday, 27 September, while the city's historic tourist tram and bus lines will also operate for the final weekend of the regular season.

There is still time to make one last trip before the summer timetable disappears. And for vintage transport enthusiasts, the final weekend offers a particularly varied selection of historic vehicles.

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Poznań's Dolphin Fountain Restored to Its Former Splendour

One of Poznań's most distinctive historic fountains is looking fresh again. The Dolphin Fountain at the junction of Aleje Marcinkowskiego and ul. 23 Lutego has undergone a comprehensive restoration, bringing back details that had gradually disappeared through earlier repairs.

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Photo: Fundacja Nasza Ziemia

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Poznań Rivers Send an SOS for Water as 508 Kg of Rubbish Is Collected

A joint clean-up of the Warta and Cybina rivers in Poznań has sent a clear message about the amount of rubbish still finding its way into and around the city's waterways.

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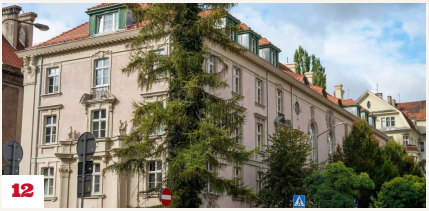

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Dom Tramwajarza: Nearly 100 Years at the Heart of Jeżyce

On a street better known for cafés, restaurants, old tenement houses and the constant movement of Jeżyce, the façade of Dom Tramwajarza has always stood out.

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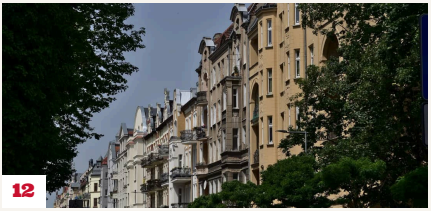

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Music, Workshops and Neighbourhood Fun at Dzień Jeżyc This Saturday

Jeżyce will be busy this Saturday as Dzień Jeżyc (Jeżyce Day) returns for another day of concerts, creative workshops, theatre, local food and dancing.

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Poznań Ranks Second Among Poland's Healthiest Cities

Poznań has once again finished near the top of Poland's Healthy Cities Index, taking second place among cities with more than 300,000 residents.

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Poznań's Zamek Courtyard Receives Accessibility Leader Award

The open courtyard at Centrum Kultury Zamek in Poznań has been recognised in Poland's Lider Dostępności accessibility awards, receiving an award in the Public Space category.

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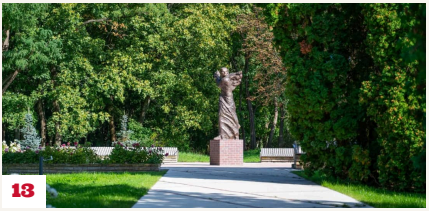

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Nike Sculpture Returns to Poznań's Cytadela in Bronze

A familiar figure has returned to the landscape of Poznań's Cytadela. The Nike sculpture by Bazyli Wojtowicz was removed last year after decades of exposure to the elements damaged it, and can once again be seen in the park, this time recreated in bronze.

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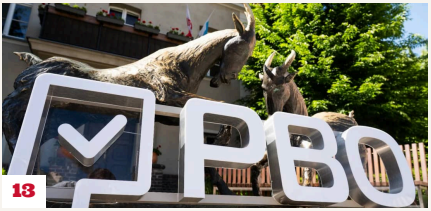

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Poznań Civic Budget 2027: 158 projects will go to a public vote

Poznań residents will have 158 projects to choose from when voting opens for the 2027 Poznań Civic Budget. Voting will take place from 5 to 30 October, with PLN 33.5 million available for projects across the city.

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RestaurantWeek® Returns to Poznań This Autumn with Seasonal Menus

Autumn is a good excuse to put a few restaurant visits in the diary. RestaurantWeek® is returning to Poznań from 7 October to 25 November 2026, bringing a selection of local restaurants into the nationwide dining festival.

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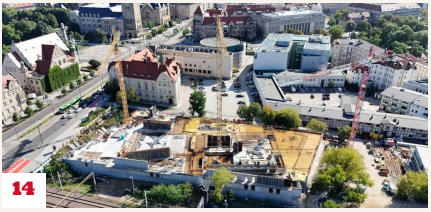

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New Poznań Musical Theatre Rises Above Święty Marcin

Construction of the new home of the Musical Theatre in Poznań is gathering pace, with the building's reinforced-concrete structure now rising above Święty Marcin.

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Poznań Is Bringing 100 More Public Wells Back Into Use

Poznań is restoring another 100 public wells across the city, giving residents additional access to water for household and other practical uses if the mains supply is interrupted.

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Inspiration Day 2026 Returns to Poznań for Two Days of Film and Discussion

Inspiration Day is returning to Poznań in November, with this year's edition expanding to two days of discussions, presentations and conversations about cinema and young audiences.

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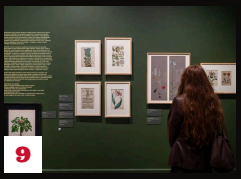







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