

Johann Heinrich Füssli (*6.2.1741 Zürich, +16.4.1825 Putney Hill/London)



Title	Das Gefängnis
Also known as	The Prison
Date	1805/1807
Medium	Oil on canvas
Dimensions	image: 91 x 71 cm
Signature	-
Inscription	-
Catalogue raisonné	Schiff I.567.1236
Edition / number	-
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Inv. No.	1976/0023
Credit line	Kunsthau Zürich, Donated by friends of René Wehrli on the occasion of his resignation as director of the Kunsthau, 1976
Accession year	1976
Object type	painting
Classification	B 1[1] painting 16th to 18th century CHE
Description	The lines from William Cowper's book 'The Task' that Füssli illustrates here are about being imprisoned in a very general way – striving for freedom and the liberation of soul and spirit (The Task, V, 774-778). The picture served as a model for the engraving by Charles Warren in the edition 'Poems by William Cowper, of the Inner Temple, Esq.' published by J. Johnson in 1806. David H. Weinglass: Prints and engraved Illustrations by and after Henry Fuseli. A catalogue raisonné (Aldershot 1994), no. 274.
Provenance	The digitisation of the inventory of the Kunsthau is an ongoing work in progress. Due to the time-consuming nature of comprehensive scientific research on each individual

artwork, we have decided to disclose some works also without provenance information to the public. The progression of provenance research will be continuously updated online. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us at provenanceresearch@kunsthhaus.ch.

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About the provenance (State of research 01.01.2007)

- Literature
- Kunsthhaus Zürich. Gesamtkatalog der Gemälde und Skulpturen, hrsg. von Zürcher Kunstgesellschaft et al., Sammlungskatalog, Ostfildern: Hatje Cantz, 2007, S. 66.
 - Henry Fuseli 1741-1825, Ausst.-Kat. Tate Gallery, London, 1975, No. 135.
 - Johann Heinrich Füssli 1741-1825, Ausst.-Kat. Hamburger Kunsthalle, München: Prestel, 1974, No. 159.
 - Gert Schiff: Johann Heinrich Füssli 1741-1825, Bd. 2 von 2, Zürich: Berichthaus, 1973, No. 1236, S. 394 (ill.).
 - Gert Schiff: Johann Heinrich Füssli 1741-1825. Vol. I: Text und Œuvre-katalog, Bd. 1 von 2, Zürich: Berichthaus, 1973, No. 1236, S. 567.