



FREISCHÜTZ

The legend

In the German legend the Freischütz is a poacher who obtains so-called magic bullets through an alliance with the devil.

Six out of seven bullets are infallible, but the seventh belongs to the devil, who can direct it according to his will.

A free bullet is made "infallible" by magic, it cannot miss its goal.

Three motives are shown in inimitable deep engraving in the Freischütz series of Artina: It focuses on the conversion of St. Hubertus scene which is framed by pictures of hunters with their hunted prey.

St. Hubertus lived as earl in Paris; later as a hermit in the Ardennes (Belgium). Since the Middle Ages the Hubertus legend is told. He was converted on the hunt for a splendid stag with a crucifix between the antlers. Therefore Hubertus is regarded as patron saint of hunting.

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