

Glimpses of the cosmos at Türler during the Year of Astronomy



mel. They trickle away within a gigantic maelstrom of time – seconds, minutes, hours, years, centuries, and even millennia. The numerous indications of the Türler clock provide readings of cosmic tides, from the smallest units of time to the Platonic year for which the respective wheel completes one revolution every 25,794 years. At a cost of 12

million Swiss francs, the masterpiece was completed in 1995 by Jörg Spöring based on an idea conceived by Franz Türler (left). During the UN Year of Astronomy (IYA2009), the stunning creation in the Türler showroom on Zürich's Paradeplatz is being rediscovered not only by watchmakers but also by astronomy aficionados.

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