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## Learn more about the trumpet

In the heart of Bad Säckingen, the town's soul still resonates with the triumphant melodies of trumpets. A century ago, Joseph Victor von Scheffel's epic poem, "Der Trompeter von Säckingen," held the nation in a poetic embrace. Born in Karlsruhe, Joseph Victor von Scheffel's verses transcended borders, finding homes in the hearts of readers across Europe. Even across the Atlantic, his tale found expression in English editions, weaving a cultural tapestry. This timeless epic poem birthed operas and a silent film. The silent film was lost during the Second World War, but there are still screenings of the epic poem today. You have the chance to hold this literary symphony.

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# Bad Säckingen



The story • The cat • Scheffel

## TRUMPETER OF SÄCKINGEN

## TRUMPETER PROFILE

**Name:** Franz Werner Kirchhofer

**Lived:** 1633-1690

**Status:** bourgeois

**Origin:** Palatinate in Heidelberg

**Character traits:** musical, romantic, ambitious, hard-working, "gifted with a bright mind"

**Professions:** Merchant, alderman, schoolmaster, choirmaster



## The Trumpeter of Säckingen

What would the world be without love stories? Exactly! A lonely place. That's why, alongside famous heartbreaking stories such as "Romeo and Juliet", which have took the world by storm, there are also very different stories ... The one about two citizens of Bad Säckingen, for example!

As times gone by, Säckingen was home to the Franz Werner Kirchhofer and the young noblewoman Ursula Maria von Schönau. The bond of mutual affection of those two overcame the high class wall between the bourgeois and aristocratic worlds.

Somewhere, far away from Säckingen, they married and returned to the bourgeois circle of their home town. Here they lived, stuck together and won the respect of the townspeople, although the aristocratic borders made it difficult for them to stay together. Because of the marriage, the aristocrats wanted to dispute the young woman's inheritance. But they failed, because love is always stronger - at this point a short sigh.

## The tomcat Hiddigegei

Hiddigegei is a proud, black, green-eyed tomcat and the accompanying character in the famous epic poem "Der Trompeter von Säckingen". As mouthpiece of the poet Joseph Victor von Scheffel.

Hiddigegei accompanies the love romance between the bourgeois son Franz Werner Kirchhofer and the aristocratic Miss Maria Ursula von Schönau, who becomes Margaretha in Scheffel's poem. From the height of a tower, he looks down on the "hustle and bustle of the parties". His faith in the good is broken; out of disappointed love he "learns to despise the world". The poor tomcat is afraid of being old and describes the decline of people and poetry. The cat's critical and philosophical thoughts are nowhere better expressed than in the 13 "Songs of the Cat Hiddigegei".

*And the cat keeps wondering "Why do people kiss each other?"*



Find the 13 songs on the web.

## TOMCAT PROFILE

**Name:** Hiddigegei

**Species:** Male cat

**Origin:** Hungary

**Coat color:** velvet black

**Eye color:** emerald green

**Character traits:** critical, self-confident, sarcastic

**Hobbies:** walking on rooftops, ruffle fur when eavesdropping some human conversations