

For 33 years, we have been offering all existing tin toys in the world and also produce our own products at several locations under the label 'DBS - Düsseldorfer Blechspielwaren'. We are exhibiting in Cologne for the first time and presenting part of our programme, mainly for children from the age of three: A wide variety of spinning tops, hot air balloon mobiles, music boxes, stand-up figures, crackling frogs, carousels, vehicles of all kinds such as wind-up cars or rattling boats as well as various wind-up figures and animals. We love to play and look forward to showing you our toys

About us

die Blechfabrik - Mechanical tin toys like in the old days

Mechanical tin toys, as our grandparents and great-grandparents knew and loved them, were admired childhood companions in old days. Today's tin toys bear witness to the revival of an old tradition, which in the decades before and after 1900 not only brought joy to children. Not only they were pretty to look at with their bright, vibrant colours, they could also move in often surprising ways with the help of a wind-up mechanism. In Germany, France, America and Japan in particular, there were a number of well-known tin toy manufacturers who produced an endless number of beautiful pieces.

We are now trying to bring back a little of the splendour of the toy world of that time by reissuing old tin toys that are based on models from the turn of the century. With a new production, it is important to us that the toys are manufactured in the same way as they were 80 or 100 years ago. This means that they are mainly handmade.

We manufacture our own products under the name 'Düsseldorfer Blechspielwaren', 'DBS' for short. Production facilities near Nuremberg, New Delhi and Shanghai manufacture our unique tin toys. Since the beginning in 1991, the spirit of Ernst Paul Lehmann, who had a very beautiful motto, has been hovering over us:

'Give your tin toy a name and it will have a soul.'

More about the history of Blechfabrik and the production of tin toys as well as our products can be found here: https://blechfabrik.de/en/uber-us-die-plechfabrik