

## **Strength Tester**

### **Victorious With Power and Skill**

**Manufacturer: Replica, made at the LVR-Freilichtmuseum Kommern in 2003**

**Painting: Roland Rosenthal**

**Year of construction: Model from the early 20th century**

**Owner: LVR-Freilichtmuseum Kommern**

Games to test one's strength were one of the earliest amusements offered at fairs. In the game exhibited here, a weight has to be put in motion by hand so that it slides along the entire iron track. It is based on a game from France, which was exhibited there at a fairground until around the turn of the millennium.

These strength games were usually very simply constructed and made by the people who ran them. There was also only very little decoration: the game itself sufficed to attract a large enough audience for the competition. The decoration of the game set up here is more elaborate than that of most other games.

The banner of a travelling cinema from 1910 served as a model for a car plunging into a ravine; the racing cars were copied from a painting on the roof edge of another ride from around 1935.

The copying of images from advertisements, from "sophisticated art" or directly from other showmen's shops has been documented quite often in the history of fairground decoration.

Test your own strength and skill here!

3 attempts 1 Euro