

Art and Religion

Sweet Dreams

Large horizontal bedroom pictures experienced their heyday in the 1920s. After just a few years, their colourfulness and sweet depictions earned them a reputation as kitsch.

The first versions of the bedroom pictures were created in the 1910s. Advertisements advised hanging the colourful pictures above marital beds. They showed Christian motifs or imaginative, mystical scenes with angelic children. Bedroom pictures were popular in both Catholic and Protestant households. They enjoyed their greatest popularity at the beginning of the 1920s. By the end of the decade, however, they had already been criticised as kitsch. Today, the pictures often enjoy cult status.