

Joseph Kyselak (1798-1831) – The world's first graffiti tagger?

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Joseph Kyselak (1798-1831) achieved fame during his lifetime on account of a strange habit: He left his name in huge black letters – on many, perhaps hundreds of places.

Since 2006, art historian Gabriele Goffriller and director Chico Klein have been collecting facts and figures on Joseph Kyselak. When we began, there were countless articles and stories about Kyselak, even novels and a play, but very little facts. After 16 years of research – what do we know about his aims? Is there a concept? Can KYSELAK be seen as the first graffiti tagger of the world?

A short overview on the exquisite and endangered heritage of the local patron saint of Graffiti.