Locations in many cities in Europe and elsewhere, a wide-spread network of employees and a quick transmission of important messages between the trading companies - these are the characteristics of a globally operating company today. However, the new exhibition at the Augsburg Puppet Theatre Museum „die Kiste“ doesn’t deal with today’s internationally active companies - instead, it focuses on the Fugger merchant Family, having dwelled in Augsburg more than 500 years ago. Above all, this special exhibition focuses on the trade with metals, spices, fabrics and other merchandise. The aim is also to take a close look at the often difficult routes, in which the goods were delivered to Augsburg or other cities. By exhibiting puppet theatres, which today are at home in the towns exactly where the Fuggers traded, some routes are traced back, which at the end illustrate the large sphere of influence of this family of Augsburg merchants. For this purpose, theatres from Schwäbisch Hall, Leipzig or Nuremberg will be lending us their figures, and puppets from Austria and Italy, will also represent the trade routes of the Fuggers during the special exhibition.

Once again, the special exhibition will be accompanied by a colorful program. Jakob Fugger personally (respectively the actor Heinz Schulan) will perform the play „Fugger Consulting“. Children aged six years and older, are invited to join members of the „Geschlechtertanz Augsburg e. V.“ (a registered association) to learn some entertaining dances, for example to celebrate the successful conclusion of a trade contract. And those, who are just as interested in fabrics like the Fuggers, can attend the workshop of Mrs. Sabine Kinder, to learn all about different materials. Further information on the accompanying programs can be found within the flyer or online at www.diekiste.net.