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## 1783 Balloon Project Leaflet

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## Collection Overview

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| <b>Repository:</b>      | National Air and Space Museum Archives   |
| <b>Title:</b>           | 1783 Balloon Project Leaflet   |
| <b>Date:</b>            | 1783   |
| <b>Identifier:</b>      | NASM.XXXX.0823   |
| <b>Extent:</b>          | 0.05 Cubic feet (One folder)   |
| <b>Language:</b>        | French .   |
| <b>Summary:</b>         | A printed leaflet, dated 1783, calling for a public subscription to raise money for a group of scientists, headed by a Monsieur Housz, engineer, to build and launch a passenger-carrying balloon. |
| <b>Digital Content:</b> | <a href="#">Image(s): 1783 Balloon Project Leaflet</a>   |
| <b>Container:</b>       | Folder 1   |

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Library of Congress, Transfer, 1934.

### Processing Information

Arranged, described, and encoded by Allan Janus, 2024.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

The leaflet is written in French; but reference is made to the "Capital of the Empire", which may refer to Vienna. The deadline for contributions for the project was noted as the end of January, 1784. A balloon built by Alois von Widmannstetter was flown three times from a garden in Vienna on January 14, 1784, and Johann Georg Stuerer made balloon flights from the Prater in Vienna beginning in 1784.

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## Scope and Contents

The collection consists of one small printed leaflet, written in French.

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## Arrangement

Collection is in original order.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Balloons -- History
- Balloons -- pre-1900