

## Schemerl Bridge Lions, Austria by GREG BALAGIAN



**One of two bronze lions  
at the Schemerl Bridge,  
Austria (2021).**

Austria's *Schemerlbrücke* or "Schemerl Bridge," also known as *Löwenbrücke* or "Lions bridge," was built between 1894 and 1899 in Vienna.

Because of the site's highly visible location as the gate to the city, it was designed to be particularly impressive. A pair of bronze lions stand on two columns. These lions are the work of prominent Austrian Neo-Baroque sculptor Rudolf Weyr (1847-1914) and were later the model for the logo of Gräf & Stift, an Austrian automobile producer.

Austria has issued two stamps depicting these lions. The 2018 stamp (Scott 2721) shows a drawing of the bridge with the two lion columns and a side view. A closeup photograph of a single lion is on the stamp issued on August 2, 2021. 🐾