

490 Knitted houses, lest we forget

An installation by the artist Stephanie Rhode in Gunzenhausen

Gunzenhausen (Middle Franconia) - Artist from Amsterdam stirs people from all over Europe into action for exchange of thought

For two days the Market place of Gunzenhausen shall be the centre of an installation by the Artist Stephanie Rhode from Amsterdam. 490 houses with knitted facades are going to be set up. In a very special way they will bring back to life the memory of members of the Jewish community throughout time.

Rhode mobilised numerous people from Germany and other country's to knit covers to form facades for simple miniature houses. These will be set up at the market place as part of an intense operation lasting two days to bring back to memory the homes of former Jewish citizens to participants and visitors alike.

The installation, the knitting people as well as phrases from conversations between the artist and participants during and after the exhibition will be documented and projected against a screen in pictures and quotations.

The installation will continue to have an effect, even when the knitted houses have been taken down, because every house will rest on a purposely positioned piece of gold leaf on the ground of the market place. As the remaining outlines of gold leaf, reminiscent of the houses, will be wearing away in the everyday life of the market place, we will be reminded that something used to be there.

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Dates

4th and 5th June 2011 Installation/
Marketplace Gunzenhausen

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Photographic documentation about the knitting women and the history of the former Jewish community/ town museum

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