

The Nordic Bible Museum Launches Norway's First Entirely Virtual Museum

(Oslo, June 1) While celebrating the museum's fourth anniversary, The Nordic Bible Museum is launching Norway's first fully virtual museum.

In the last four years the Nordic Bible Museum has become Europe's largest Bible Museum in possession of more than 6,000 Bibles. The collection contains a variety of Norwegian, Nordic, and foreign Bibles and is now becoming available for art, Bible, and history enthusiasts across land borders.

- This is a big day, and a milestone for us. We are experiencing an increased interest for the museum and the collection globally, especially from Europe and USA. It is therefore a pleasure to be able to make a selection of this unique historical and cultural treasure available for museum enthusiasts all over the world, says executive director Rune Arnhoff

Initiating new technology

Digitalization of art and museum artifacts is becoming a common occurrence. The Nordic Bible Museum takes it one step further. In the virtual museum, visitors can navigate independently through the Bible exhibitions, with or without a digital guide. This provides the opportunity to experience 12 uniquely modeled virtual rooms with more than 100 selected Bibles. For the more chatty visitor it is also possible to converse with other virtual guests.

- The virtual world is no longer exclusively intended for video games and teenagers. Considering the growing number of large actors that are moving towards the virtual universe, it is also a natural step for the museum. We are contributing to the development of a new standard for availability and information sharing in the museum universe. It is amusing that a book as old as the Bible can be a front runner of digital technology, Arnhoff adds.

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About the Nordic Bible- and Book Museum:

The Nordic Bible and Book Museum is the only one of its kind in the Nordics and has a collection of over 6,000 Bibles. Highlights from the collection include cultural treasures such as the Swedish Gustav Vasa Bible from 1541, an original Gutenberg page from 1450, as well as handwritten Bible pages from the 13th century.

The museum opened its doors for Bible, art, and history enthusiasts in spring 2018 in the center of Oslo. In May 2022, the Nordic Bible Museum became available for everyone as the first fully virtual museum of Norway.

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1. The launch of the virtual museum
© NOBIMU: Executive director of the Nordic Bible Museum, Rune Arnhoff, opens Norway's first entirely virtual museum.

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2. The launch of the virtual museum
© NOBIMU: Since it was also the International Volunteer Day, the ribbon was cut by Ingrid Haug, who is a volunteer at the museum.

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3. The launch of the virtual museum
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