

The Nordic Bible Museum Has Been Nominated for Prestigious Technology Award

(Oslo, November 1) The Nordic Bible Museum is one of five nominees in the category of Best XR Art & Culture during this year's Vrinn Awards, hosted by the Nordic VR Forum.

The Vrinn Awards is an award ceremony which celebrates outstanding virtual reality projects (VR & AR). The ceremony takes place at this year's Nordic VR Forum at Hamar on November 2, and the Nordic Bible Museum has been nominated in the category of "The Best Art & Culture". The museum is well accompanied by, among others, Edvard Munch's Digital Garden AR, Historical Locations AR Adventure Games, and AYCE's VR Viking Action Game "Ferd".

The category honors projects that showcase the full potential of technology through the utilization of captivating audio, lighting, and images.

- It is a great honor to be nominated for the Vrinn Awards. We wanted to create a virtual museum which could engage various senses while at the same time provide a learning experience surrounding historical events, locations, and artifacts. We are proud of the VR museum and the possibilities it provides. It is great that our efforts are being acknowledged, says Rune Arnhoff, executive director at the Nordic Bible Museum.

A virtual historical journey

The virtual museum invites guests from all over the world to join a fascinating journey through the history of the Bible by exploring 13 different themed rooms with more than 120 Bibles. All rooms are well equipped with audio, interior items, and images that activate the sensory apparatus.

- You can enjoy a 360 degree view over ancient Petra in Jordan, or visit the Qumran Cave where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, all without crossing any land borders. Additionally, to make the virtual journey even closer to reality, you can explore every nook and cranny either alone, or speaking with someone you know - because here you can also talk with other visitors in VR, says Arnhoff.

The award ceremony takes place at the Hamar Cultural Center on November 2, at 18.00.

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About the VR museum

In May of 2022, the Nordic Bible and book museum launched the Nordic Countries' first entirely virtual museum. The museum now goes one step further by launching advanced three dimensional digital artworks.

The virtual museum offers 13 different themed rooms showcasing more than 120 Bibles from the collection. Each room has its own exhibition, interior, and backdrop. Enjoy the view from the historical room above ancient Petra in Jordan, or visit the Qumran Cave in a 360 degree view. Hold your breath and explore the novelty room at the bottom of the ocean, or tour the travel room levitating overhead the mountains. Examine 3D Bibles from the collection, turn the pages, and listen to sound files. You are welcome to take the trip accompanied by someone you know - because in the VR museum, it is possible to speak with fellow visitors, as well as joining guided trips.

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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 an original Gutenberg page from 1450, handwritten Bible pages from the 13th century, a miniature Bible collection which includes the world's smallest printed Bible, and the first Bible of the Nordic countries, the Gustav Vasa Bible from 1541.

The museum invites you to embark on a thrilling journey through the history of the Bible, from the oldest leather and parchment pages to modern digital editions. Discover how the Bible has influenced art, culture, legislation, language, music, and societies through the centuries.

The museum opened its doors for Bible, art, and history enthusiasts in spring 2018 in the center of Oslo.

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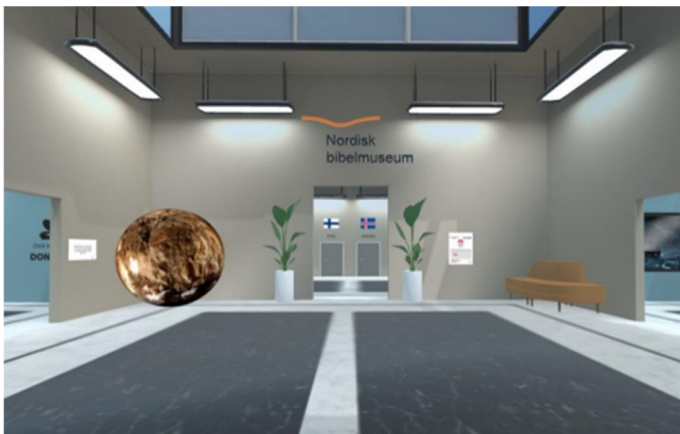
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1. Rune Arnhoff is the executive director of the Nordic Bible and Book Museum, located in Nedre Slottsgate 4C in Oslo.

Photo: The Nordic Bible and Book Museum



2. A glimpse of the virtual museum

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