

Press Information: Factsheet

AMAZONIA

**AMAZONIA-Yadegar Asisi's
Magical Picture of Nature
On display since March 28, 2009
at the Asisi Panometer Leipzig**

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The 360° Panorama AMAZONIA is a homage to the second discoverer of the South American continent, the natural scientist Alexander von Humboldt.

Contents

- original-size depiction of fictitious scenes from the Brazilian rainforest
- theme: the beauty and complexity of the tropical rainforest
- daylight and nighttime effects, tropical sounds and specially composed music
- idea, design and artistic development: Yadegar Asisi
- exhibition design: Mathias Thiel
- music: Eric Babak

Technical Details of the Panorama

- the world's largest 360° circular painting
- surface area: ca. 3.200 m²
- length: ca. 100 metres (approx the same length as a football pitch)
- height: ca. 30 metres (about the same height as a ten-storey building)
- weight: around 650 kilograms
- material: polyester, printed in a sublimation printing procedure

The accompanying exhibition

- eight sections on animal and plant life, water balance and the history of the primeval continent Gondwana
- exhibits: original-size simulation of a mighty jungle tree, over 25 metres high, anamorphosis of an huge tropical blossom, 60:1 scale model of a mosquito, installation, 1.20 meters high, made of several hundred insect showcases, video installation showing an ant colony on the move, audiostations with Amazonian legends

Curators

- Dr. Dietmar Sattler, University of Leipzig, Faculty of Biological Science, Pharmaceutics and Psychology, Institute of Biology 1, ENEDAS e.V.;
- Dr. Nico Blüthgen, University of Würzburg, Dept. of Animal Ecology & Tropical Biology
- Prof. Dr. Stefan Poremski, University of Rostock, Institute of Biological Science,
- Prof. Dr. Ana Maria Benko-Iseppon, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, Brazil

Asisi Panometer in Leipzig

- a former gas storage building belonging to the dept. of works (Stadtwerke) Leipzig

Technical Data

- built in 1910
- brick wall construction
- outside diameter: 56.94 metres
- height: height of outside eaves 30 metres
- height of roof ridge 39.40 metres
- Fittings
- steel panorama platform (height 6 metres)
- steel rotunda from which the picture is hung: height 33.50 metres

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