An Exciting Cultural Journey

Holon Mediatheque is an all-encompassing cultural hub, which consists of the Mediatheque Theater, the Mediatheque Public Library, Holon Cinematheque, the Israeli Cartoon Museum and Design Museum Holon.

This magical synergy between the Mediatheque’s various components is a key element in fulfilling the center’s objective to impact the relationship between culture, environment and the community.

Holon Mediatheque has gained local and international recognition for creating and maintaining high quality, multi-disciplinary activities, and has become a center of attraction for people of all ages from Holon and from all over Israel.

In the coming decade, we will continue striving toward excellence through innovative artistic programming and state-of-the-art facilities.

We hope you will join us in this challenging and fascinating journey.

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A Creative Cultural Center

Holon Mediatheque is an all-encompassing cultural hub for Holon residents, as well as the urban center of Israel. The Mediatheque building, designed by B. Baruch and Y. Salamon Architects, opened in 2004. The Holon Municipality invested $23 million dollars in its 7,600 square meters and four halls of different sizes (400, 90 and 80 seats), as part of an educational and cultural rejuvenation program that has been running for the past 16 years under the direction of the city’s mayor, Motti Sasson, and the municipality’s managing director Hana Hertsman. Holon Mediatheque cultural center is currently home to Holon’s public library, the Mediatheque Theater (a repertory theater), Holon Cinematheque, the Israeli Cartoon Museum and Design Museum Holon. It aims to provide a unique environment, in which its audience can experience a wide range of cultural activities. In recent years, Holon Mediatheque has been developing its different disciplines, and expanding its cultural activities in a way that influences young people’s cultural consumption and environment.

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The Mediatheque Theater

Since 2004

Within a few years, the Mediatheque Theater has produced over thirty plays for children and youth (between five to six new productions every year), many of which are based on classic Israeli and international literature, as well as original plays that were written specially for young audiences.

Within a brief time-span, the Mediatheque Theater has attained the largest subscriber-base in the country, and has been recognized by the Establishment: In 2009 alone it won 10 leading theater awards for children and youth, as well as the Best Play Award at the Children’s Theatroneto Festival. The Mediatheque Theater is the only theater for children and youth that operates within its own hall, in addition to performing all over the country.

The Mediatheque Theater, in collaboration with the annual Israel Festival in Jerusalem, produces a major international festival for children and young audiences. Theater companies from all over the world participate in this festival, in a collaborative endeavor that has garnered wide artistic acclaim, and we are looking to expand these collaborative projects.

As part of its global cooperation, the Mediatheque Theater also produces and markets plays designated for international festivals abroad, on an independent basis, as well as with the help of ASSITEJ International (International Association of Theatre for Children and Young People).
Holon Cinematheque

Since 2008

Promoting love for and educating towards the art of motion pictures, Holon Cinematheque exposes its audience to the world’s cinematic abundance, from diverse eras and genres, in collaboration with production companies and distributors from all over the world. While interacting with the surrounding arts and cultures provided at the Mediatheque center, Holon Cinematheque offers a unique experience for everyone, giving emphasis to full interaction with the audience. Holon Cinematheque has also assumed the role of exposing audiences of all ages to animation as a cinematic genre and technique, and is introducing short animated films at the beginning of many of its screenings. Additionally, the Cinematheque promotes short animated films in an annual competition called MaraToon. Supplementing these activities is a unique archive for animation that has been launched by Holon Cinematheque with the aim of collecting, registering and documenting all animation materials in Israel.

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The Mediatheque Public Library
Since 2004

Holon’s main public library, established in 1956, became the Mediatheque Library when it moved to its designated new location in the Mediatheque Cultural Center in 2004.

In a world of constant change, the library adopts new technology systems and equipment to access information. Alongside books in Hebrew and another seven languages, the lending section offers a wide selection of movies in DVD format.

The music section offers a unique and wide range of music styles on over 25,000 CDs: classical, pop, folklore, modern music with the added bonus of professional guidance offered by our librarians.

The Reference sections include printed documents, academic periodicals as well as electronically stored database materials on a wide variety of subjects.

Cultural activities and events such as lectures, writing and story telling workshops, exhibitions and concerts, are aimed at encouraging reading and exposing children and adults to the vast, engaging worlds embodied in literature, arts and music.

The library’s seven branches which provide services to all the neighborhoods of Holon are well equipped with books, computers and professional guidance.

The Mediatheque Public Library’s value promise is to provide an enriching experience for its customers that allows them to choose, connect, discover, learn, and relax.
The Israeli Cartoon Museum
Since 2007

A first of its kind in the country, the Israeli Cartoon Museum is the long awaited home for cartoon artists, caricaturists and also for the tens of thousands of comics lovers who now have a permanent platform for activity in this field. Featuring a rich permanent collection and topical rotating exhibits touching upon cultural, social, and political issues in Israel as well as around the world - the museum exposes visitors to the various facets, contexts and qualities of the art of caricature with the aim of promoting a better understanding and awareness of the need for caricatures in society.

The museum’s programming includes promoting this art as an international means of communication to new and wider audiences, encouraging and supporting research of caricature in Israel and its role as a reflection and critique of local reality, collaborating with international cartoon artists and caricaturists, initiating preservation activities and organizing seminars and workshops for all ages.

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The highly anticipated architectural creation of the museum building by Ron Arad Architects is to become a leading international hub for innovations in the field of design, and an exciting arena for experimentation, entertainment and creativity. Design Museum Holon provides an all-encompassing design experience for the general public, while simultaneously seeking to enrich dialogue between designers, curators and the audience. The primary goals of Design Museum Holon are to inspire and challenge the design community and the general public’s perception of design and the way it affects their lives.

The annual program will showcase site-specific exhibitions by guest curators from around the globe, as well as traveling exhibitions. Additionally, an interactive archive with digital components will be developed for the theoretical and practical research of design as well as an historical Israeli collection. This will lay the foundation for Design Museum Holon’s permanent collection which will be unveiled in five to seven years.

Materials Library of Design Museum Holon
Alongside the museum, and an integral part of it, a Materials Library - iMatter - serves professional architects and designers, presenting them with diverse materials to inspire, impart knowledge and spark innovation. iMatter has over 800 various materials on its ever-growing display and an online material search engine for its subscribers.
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