

In memory of the victims of the concentration camp system Mauthausen-Gusen

Light installation #eachnamematters at Memorial Gusen

(Linz, 4.5.2022) From May 4 to 6, the Mauthausen and Gusen concentration camp memorials will commemorate the victims of Nazi terror and the liberation of the two concentration camps by the U.S. Army on May 5, 1945. Under the title #eachnamematters, the names of all victims known so far will be projected on the outer wall of the Memorial Gusen for three days as part of a touching light installation. A live stream of the projection can be followed on Ars Electronica Home Delivery. Accompanying this, a social media campaign also invites people to engage with biographies of the dead and post impressions and thoughts under the hashtag #eachnamematters.






Mauthausen and Gusen concentration camp memorials

From 1938 until its liberation on May 5, 1945, the Mauthausen concentration camp was the center of a system of more than 40 subcamps and the central site of political, social and racial persecution by the Nazi regime on Austrian soil. Of the total of about 190,000 people imprisoned here, at least 90,000 were killed. Today, the concentration camp memorial is a place of remembrance, a cemetery for the remains of thousands of people murdered here, as well as a place of political-historical education. The Gusen concentration camp was built from December 1939 by prisoners of the Mauthausen concentration camp. The Memorial Gusen was inaugurated in 1965, and in 2004 a visitors' center was also opened in Gusen, which houses a permanent historical exhibition.

Social Media Action

The "Room of Names" project is a digital memorial to the dead of the Mauthausen concentration camp and its subcamps. Around May 5, people are called upon to engage with the biographies of victims in the virtual Room of Names at raumdernamen.mauthausen-memorial.org and to post their thoughts and impressions under the hashtag #eachnamematters.

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