

BINDING TOGETHER

Binding Together is an interactive art project produced in solidarity with the work of Amnesty International.

The Idea

Amnesty International works for individuals who are persecuted for their convictions and beliefs. Oslo Cathedral supports this work. Through the interactive art project *Binding Together* also the visitors in the cathedral are invited to show their support to Amnesty International. This happens simply by binding a piece of fabric into the growing structure. The loom materializes and makes visible the good will that is present in the world and concretely in Oslo Cathedral.

The Loom

Binding Together started 18. April 2010 at the reopening of Oslo Cathedral after three years of conservation. A loom was to be produced, width ca. 4.5 meter. Materials are secondhand clothes provided by Fretex (run by The Norwegian Salvation Army). Now, the loom has grown to more than 6 meters length. It consists of thousands of bindings made by the visitors, with a cautious editing by the responsible artist.

Directed Termination

Since 1. Sunday of Advent (28. November) the project *Binding Together* entered a new phase of directed termination. From now on, contributions will only be by precut fabric units. This move is made to secure the dignity of the expression of the loom throughout the period of Advent and Christmas.

Lowering the Loom

Binding Together will be concluded by Lent 2011 (March). The end of the project will be marked by a simple event in which the loom will be taken down. This event will be free and announced on the cathedral's webpage.

Documentation

The development of the loom can be followed from the very beginning at: www.refsum.no

Thanks for all contributions!

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