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**Photo Competition for Citizens of Schleiz Starts / Submit Images until October 12, 2024**

**The Greatest Schleiz of All Time**

Jena (09/03/2024) – The Friedrich Schiller University Jena aims to realize the ancient dream of moving through space and time, at least digitally, for the city of Schleiz. A 4D model of the city (4dCity.org) is being developed at the University to enable that.

In order to bring Schleiz' model from 1900 to 2000 to life, the Chair of Digital Humanities has set the goal of collecting 1,000 historical photos of the city from this period. However, the researchers need the help of all the citizens of Schleiz and are launching a competition to achieve this. Interested citizens can upload their historical photos under the title "The Greatest Schleiz of All Time," and thereby immortalize themselves in the virtual cityscape.

**Competition in Two Parts**

The competition has two parts. First, there is the photo competition: upload historical photos and immortalize yourself in the virtual cityscape. Take a photo, upload it – the rest is done by a deep learning AI that places the photo in the correct location within the 4D model.

Second, there is the rephotography competition: this involves rephotographing existing historical photos in the present-day cityscape – the 4dCity app helps you with this.

Those who contribute the most or submit particularly rare or interesting photos will be eligible for prizes. If submitting through the web app is too tricky, you can simply contact the dedicated Help Desk at the Schleiz City Archive.

A renowned jury of researchers and public figures, chaired by the District Administrator of the Saale-Orla district, Christian Herrgott, will decide on the awarding of the prizes.

**The Facts**

1. **What?**
   The University of Jena is calling for entries to the photo competition "The Greatest Schleiz of All Time." Historical photos that are uploaded via the website www.das-schoenste-schleiz.de will be automatically placed onto a 4D model of the city.
2. **Why?**
   In both parts of the competition, three prizes will be awarded in each of two categories in the form of Wisent trophies.
3. **How?**
   You can access the 4DCity portal via the website www.das-schoenste-schleiz.de, . Here, you can participate in both parts of the competition by either photographing and uploading historical photos or rephotographing existing historical images in the cityscape. It is also possible to add texts to your submissions. The rest is done by a deep-learning AI.

4. **Who?**
   The competition, organized by the Junior Professorship for Digital Humanities, is open to everyone interested (participants must be 18 years or older. Persons under 18 require parental or legal guardian consent).
5. **When?**
   Submissions via the web app are possible from August 25, 2024, to October 12, 2024.
6. **Where?**
   The website www.das-schoenste-schleiz.de provides information and directs you to the Jena4D portal. Additional information: Instagram: @professur_digital_humanities, Twitter: @Digitaljena, LinkedIn: Digital Humanities Junior Professorship, University of Jena.

**The following prizes can be won:**

*Photo Competition: Photographing Historical Images*
**QUANTITY**
Number of submitted photos:
1st Place: A 3D Wisent figure
2nd Place: A 3D Wisent figure
3rd Place: A 3D Wisent figure

**QUALITY**
Who encounters historical treasures or the most unusual and rarest pictures?
1st Place: A 3D Wisent figure
2nd Place: A 3D Wisent figure
3rd Place: A 3D Wisent figure

*Rephotography: Rephotographing Existing Historical Images in Today's Cityscape*
**QUANTITY**
Number of rephotographed images:
1st Place: A 3D Wisent figure
2nd Place: A 3D Wisent figure
3rd Place: A 3D Wisent figure

**QUALITY**
Who rephotographs the historical photo most accurately?
1st Place: A 3D Wisent figure
2nd Place: A 3D Wisent figure
3rd Place: A 3D Wisent figure

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