

December

SEMPER OPERA

This opera house shines into the world, although not always as spectacular arranged as with the light installation of Gert Hof in December 2002. The opera house, which is so famous today, is the second one Semper built in this spot. The first one opened on April 21, 1841 and was a three-story sandstone building. It was referred to as "most beautiful theatre in the world". Theatre and opera was played in the house with space for a total of 1750 attendances.

On September 29, 1869 it burned down – because of carelessness. After a compromise made of wood (which the people of Dresden disrespectfully called "booth") the new opera opened on February 2, 1878.

In world war two a victim of the bombs and reopened on February 13, 1945 (exactly 40 years after it was destroyed) the Semperoper is a must for tourists visiting Dresden – and those who don't like operas can take a tour through the house...