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Questionnaire

Location:

Sweden	Åbyskolan	The Syrian Orthodox Church
Country	School	Serial number

Photos



Description

This place used to be an amusement park and contains several old wooden buildings. They are all well preserved and functioning.

Position of the object



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Size

App. 50 x 25 m

Materials

All the different buildings are made of wood.

Date of building/
epoch:

The houses were built in 1901 and were used as an amusement park until 1997 when the Syrian Orthodox Church bought the whole establishment.

Architect/
artist:

Renovation,
restoration
(when, by whom,
who paid, why?):





All the buildings have been renovated a couple of times, the last one in 1984.
In 2003 there was a fire and no one has yet found out whether it was arson or not.

Sketch plan:

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Interior

Picture	Name	Function
	The Church	This building used to be a theatre in the old days as the slanting floor shows proof of.
	The Curtain	This curtain was a gift from the Syrian congregation in India.
	The Altar	To be tread exclusively by the priest. The congregation is only allowed to a lower level.
	The Holy Bible	A handwritten old and beautiful bible

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	<p>Cont. The Holy Bible</p>	<p>Handwritten book in Syrian with illustrations</p> <p>The sermon is held in different languages (Syrian, English and Swedish) and with a written explanation projected on a wall).</p>
	<p>Baptismal font and a baby cot</p>	
	<p>Santa Maria</p>	<p>This is a picture of Santa Maria, the patron saint of the village of Aches. Most of the priests and bishops of the Syrian Orthodox Church in Sweden originate from this small village. That includes Abona (Father) Melke, the priest of Santa Maria Church.</p>