

From Congress Hall to Forum of the Future



The Congress Building in its opening year. In 1935, the Ludwig Bridge was also just rebuilt. Photo: DM

The eventful history of the building at the Ludwig Bridge

Sample space in a prime downtown location: The Forum building on Ludwigsbrücke has a turbulent past, is currently being given a new lease of life, and is heading for a modern future in and for dialog with society. A brief overview of the building's history and prospects:

1928	Laying of the foundation stone
1932	Completion of shell
1935	Opening of the hall building for congresses, scientific lectures (with experimental demonstrations), concerts, banquets and festivities.
1944/45	heavy damage by incendiary and demolition bombs during the Second World War
1945	First use from December by the U.S. military government under the name "Jubilee Hall" (sports and variety events)
1946	January: Reopening. The income from the rental should help finance the reconstruction of the entire museum.
1955	The forum is fully restored. In the following decades it is used as a venue for concerts (from classical to rock and pop), congresses, fashion shows and festivals.

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1989	Decision to privatize and transform the building into the “Forum of Technology” (with planetarium and Imax cinema)
1992	November: Opening of the “Forum of Technology”
2001	Renaming to ”Amazeum“
2003	Renaming to ”Forum am Deutschen Museum“
2005	End of the Imax era. In the fall, opening of Munich’s first digital cinema (from 2007 also with 3D technology)
2010	Cessation of cinema operations due to unprofitability, closure of the event areas July: Repurchase of the building by the Deutsches Museum
2015	December: Cabinet decision for a new concert hall in the factory district
2016	Preparation of an interim use
2017	March 4: Opening of the event space with the Munich Creative Business Week. End of April: Opening of the new gastronomy areas (Blitz Restaurant and Club)
2018	Opening of the ”TUMLab Forum“
2022	Opening of the “Forum of the Future”: an open experiential, creative and discussion room for knowledge transfer and technological social dialog; regular events, exhibitions, actions are planned.
2025	Opening of the Future Box

Event spaces and rooms in the Forum of the Future:

Level 0:

- Future Box
- Experience Center (700 square meters).
- Blitz Club
- Blitz Restaurant with beer garden
- Posthof (open air yard)

Level 1:

- Streaming Dome in the former planetarium for up to 300 people
- Former Imax cinema with up to 330 seats
- TUMLab Forum (about 150 square meters)