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## **The Museum of Letters in Berlin [Buchstabenmuseum]**

Built letters disappear from the cityscape. Globalisation and standardisation are displacing regional, traditional businesses, retail shops and handcrafted lettering. Individual and high-quality shop inscriptions disappear from our view and from that of our customers. Consciousness – if we don't preserve it. This task is taken over by the Buchstabenmuseum.

**We collect, preserve and document** the literal signs of past epochs. We create a place of remembrance, but also of impulses for current discussions. We offer starting points for dealing with trade, advertising and urban history, with language and words, typography, design and craftsmanship.

**A large part of our work is documentation:** we try to find out the history of every sign, every logo and every letter. Who worked on it, how was the respective piece designed and produced? From this we also learn surprising and interesting things for today, not least design professions.

**The basis for the huge collection** of the Museum of Letters was the private collection of Barbara Dechant, designer from Vienna. She and her like-minded colleagues were able to save hundreds of letters from scrapping, disappearing, being used as decorative objects and recover them in the Letter Museum. Most importantly, we make this precious treasure accessible to the public. Come in!

**Our stock** currently contains over 2,000 objects. We borrow some of them for events or photo shoots and also make our rooms available for them. In our current exhibition you will find testimonials of famous Berlin companies and places: directly here from the underground station Hansaplatz, Eternit, the furniture store Kern and the aquarius fish from the Frankfurter Tor – they also have a reference to our new space here in the Hansaviertel.

**Do you love letters,** city history, urban culture? Take part and support the work of the Buchstabenmuseum. As a non-profit association, we welcome new members and donations of any amount. More information here on site and on our website.