

Stars Being Projected



The first planetarium visitors on the roof of the ZEISS factory in Jena in 1924 | Photo: ZEISS Archive

The founder of the Deutsches Museum in Munich, Oscar von Miller, was looking for more vivid models at the beginning of the 20th century and found the solution with the ingenious designer Walther Bauersfeld

at ZEISS. Bauersfeld and his colleagues projected the first stars in a dome on the roof of the Zeiss factory in Jena in 1923. Word of the new artificial starry sky quickly spread as the "Wonder of Jena".

