Skanska to build cultural center in Helsingborg for SEK 150 M

Skanska has been contracted to construct a cultural center by Kärnfastigheter in Helsingborg, Sweden. Skanska's portion of the total investment of SEK 210 M is about SEK 150 M, including Skanska Prefab which is contracted for the framework. The project is being carried out by the Building Construction Division.

The building, with the working name of "Museion," will house the city museum, art museum, theater facilities, music school and a child and youth center. In addition, cultural associations will be provided access to work rooms and studios in "Museion."

With a gross floor space of 16,000 sq. m., "Museion" will be located on the edge of the water in the north port area. Work will begin in September and "Museion" is scheduled to be completed for occupancy in September 2001. A new city park will be created directly adjacent to the entrance to the cultural center.

Architect Kim Utzon has utilized the nearness to the water through incorporating a glass facade on the side of the building facing the water. The other outer walls gain a "living" surface as a result of the brick siding and titanium-zink roofing gaining a patina finish with age.

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