From Mars to Pencil

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Zvi Halbrecht and Shalom Kweller are both graduates of the Bezalel Academy of Art and Design in Jerusalem. Our work in education and community integrates multimedia methods, modern technologies, and classical techniques in documentation.

For many years Zvi initiated various activities with young students mainly at the Hadera Democratic school; photography of social events and environments of historic and cultural interest, and creative art activities using electronic computer junk parts.

Two years ago Shalom joined Zvi in use of GigaPan Epic system in order to photograph architectural sites to be used in Shalom's work as a architectural perspective drawing artist. The GigaPan Epic mount is a robotic tripod for a standard digital camera that has the ability to create large panoramas and pictures with many magnitudes more detail than the average camera could take on its own.

The GigaPan system was introduced to the students at the Architectural Department in Bezalel where Shalom lectures perspective drawing.

GigaPan Dialogues

GigaPan was developed by Carnegie Mellon University in collaboration with NASA Ames Intelligent Robotics Group, with support from Google. The GigaPan Dialogues seek to promote empathy and understanding between cultures and create a greater sense of community through an exchange of exportable, high-resolution digital imagery.

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Carnegie Mellon University Create Lab donated a GigaPan EPIC system to the Hadera Democratic School. See: http://www.cmucreatelab.org/

GigaPan: Historic building renovation and workshops Bezalel Academy
http://gigapan.com/gigapans/110156