

APPROACH

The proposal bases on the understanding that creating a unique building is not enough. Our ambition is to attempt an architectural complex which includes the existing theater.

Our first step was to elicit the potential of the existing building.

URBAN SKYLINE

Placing an object of such importance for the city in this particular location changes the status of both the theater and the whole neighborhood, transforming it into a new public urban centre. It includes the necessity of creating an architecture that would not only be relevant today, but have the potential to become a lasting and significant landmark.

ARCHITECTURE

The layout of the building is kept simple. The streams of visitors coming from different directions flow together in an “urban foyer”, which is inserted between the main entrance, the courtyard and the hall. A box office is located at the front, allowing people to buy tickets without entering the building, and the theatre auditorium is at the back, behind the cloakroom and toilets.

The characteristic of main hall space is adaptiveness. At the same time it can be completely open to the foyer turning it into a huge space for different activities. The auditorium is equipped with a mobile 200-seat telescope seating system that makes it suitable for any kind of performances. What is more, the hall can be visually open to the green courtyard by a sliding acoustic wall.

Offices and dressing rooms can be found on the first floor together with some technical rooms. On the third floor are the residential units and the rehearsal hall. At the very corner, above the street is the common canteen and meeting place with the best view. On the ground floor are warehouses and a parking lot.

The proposal will take shape as a robust stone-clad structure that rather blends into its surroundings than standing out, symbolizing strength and protection.

Materials for the facade and interior are rhyolite, wood and copper which are available in the nearby region.

INFORMATION

BUILT-UP AREA - 653 m²

GROSS FLOOR AREA ABOVE GROUND - 1344 m²

TOTAL LANDSCAPING AREA - 363 m²

THE ESTIMATED COST - 1 940 000 €