

Let's talk about Old & New

The project addresses the old and the new conditions on site, separating them urbanistically and integrating them functionally: the façade of existing theater becomes the backdrop décor for the New Performance Hall.

Within this framework a reinterpretation of the traditional Fly Tower Model is proposed. The analogy is easy to follow: The Yard acts to the Main Performance Hall the way the auditorium acts to the Fly Tower Stage. Beside it a number of additional scenarios reinforce the open, contemporary condition of the building: Foyer, Cafe, Hall and Yard flow seamlessly into each other inviting one to discover new possibilities. The Floating Ring metal structure plays its part in this flexibility.

The groundfloor transparency marks the public character of the building isolating phonically the yard which thus becomes both isolated and exposed. Placed at the top of the building and accessible via two stairs, the Rehearsal Space is intended as A Second Performance Hall increasing once more the building's potential. The Fly Tower works along the same lines of exploration of the theatrical creative process.

By inserting existing and traditional elements in both the physical structure and the conceptual framework of the new theater we aim at a building referencing the past, working with the existing and addressing the contemporary world at the same time.

The White Channel Glass envelope is a restraint response to the neighbouring pale colored plaster facades. The intended effect is calm integration into the surrounding yet a distinctive, contemporary feel. There are three stages of intensity envisaged: The Abbreviated Fly Tower is all about integration in the larger surroundings. The Floating Ring relates mainly to the street. Finally, the vividly painted stairs, entrance copertine, elevator shaft act like small-scale events dispersed in The Public Void creating brief yet intense moments of tension to echo the intensity of stage acting.

Building density: 656.2 sqm

Total Built-up Area (above ground): 1467 sqm

Total Landscaping Area: 0 sqm

Estimated Cost: 3 500 000 Euros