

## Design approach

Our proposal revolves around the idea of human shapes and forms echoing the art of movement and flow. The aim of their use on the façades being to illustrate the artistic character of the building's function.

The building itself represents a simple orthogonal shape fitting seamlessly into the surrounding urban context.

The façades feature wooden vertical lines serving as a setting for a story of puppet arts. Decorative elements come together to shape human hands and smaller puppet figures. Small metal squares get lit at night to complete the scene – a representation of stars falling down for the show. A show in which human artists give way to puppets who become the stars of the night.

## Floor plan layout

Access to the building takes place at two separate locations.

The main entrance is from General Gurko street and serves the public. It gives access to the main lobby of the building and its auxiliary spaces.

A second access dedicated to artists, technicians and personnel is situated at the back of the building. It provides a connection to the upper and lower levels.

Parking spaces are available along the service road created at the back of the plot from Tsar Ivan Asen II str. The road also allows deliveries to be made by small trucks.

The double height lobby is placed on the north side of the plot. The main hall and the internal court are both adjacent to it but are separated from each other through services amenities. This connectivity allows both the main hall and the court to open up and extend into the lobby thus using the extra space when needed.

The first and second floors are reserved for private (internal) use only.

Dressing rooms and technical spaces are placed on level 1. A technical room and a sound and light room serving the main hall have direct visual contact with it. Dressing rooms used by performing artists are easily connect with the scene on the lower level.

Residential, administrative and rehearsal spaces are all placed on level 2 giving them a more private feeling. Parts of the roof are used as outdoor rest areas and others become a place for technical installations (such as PV panels).

Building density (Elevation +0.00): 55.76%

Total built-up area (Existing + New): 2520 sqm

Total landscaping area: 455 sqm

Estimated cost: 2 300 000 EUR (VAT excluded)