The Monastery of Lazaristes: Museum - Theatre



Client: Organisation of the Cultural Capital of Europe (Thessalonica 1997)
Cost estimate: EUR 27m (1997)

Architectural final and construction design (1995-1998) after winning a Design-Build Competition. Construction works were completed in 1998.

The project included:
1. Restoration of the Monastery historic building and design for the conversion of the building into a State Museum of Modern Art.
2. Design for new wings comprising:
- Indoor Theatre (700 seats)
- Drama School of the Northern Greek State Theatre
- Small theatre for the Drama School to operate as theatrical workshop
- Urban design for the surrounding grounds and the internal square of the building complex where outdoor shows and concerts are held (capacity for 1,000 people).
- Offices for the personnel of the complex, the Local Authorities and the State Orchestra of Thessalonica
- Accommodation for artists (dressing rooms, wardrobes)
- Underground parking (123 spaces)
- Outdoor cinema, restaurants, cafeterias, bar and shops

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