

Gesellschaftshaus Sonneberg Sonneberg

Renovation and expansion of a legally protected historical theatre house



Up until a few years after the reunification, the town Sonneberg used the building constructed in 1927 as a location for cultural events, as a stage for plays and also for concerts. However, in this time numerous minor renovations contributed to a distortion of the atmosphere and impact of the premises. Moreover, the technical resources and facilities were no longer up to standard.

The renovation plan was to create a building which would accommodate a variety of uses – in compliance with legal strictures – whilst enabling the organisation and performance of various cultural events to be carried out in accordance with professional standards. As implemented, the renovation integrates latest state of the art technologies into existing structures thus creating new, flexible and very attractive room areas.

Whilst choosing materials, great store was set in the symbiosis of historical context and contemporary solutions. Overall, the materials employed seem to generate a light transparency; they radiate warmth and emphasize the desired effect of the rooms.

Since the completion of the construction work, many visitors have found their way to the events. A wider selection of cultural events has been established and is attracting people from all across the region.

Facts and figures

Contractor: City Administration Sonneberg

Competition/Process: VOF-process 1st Prize

Planning/Completion: 2001 – 2008

Total area: 12,500 m²