

Name 1	MINE THEATRE
Name 2	RUDNIŠKO GLEDALIŠČE
ID number	002.83.Idrija
Manager / Administrator	Idrija Public Library, Ulica sv. Barbare 4-5, SI-5280 Idrija
Ownership	Public
Owner	Municipality of Idrija, Mestni trg 1, SI-5280 Idrija
Local / Original ID Number	EŠD 186
Type of Object	Town, Mine, Built heritage - other

DESCRIPTION

Short description	<p>The monumental building is in the old town centre. It is known that this is the first built theatre in Slovenia. On the inside, there is a single hall with gently falling floor decline and 211 seats. At the eastern end of the hall, there is a shallow, slightly convex stage, with two side building exits. It always took pride in the quite luxurious boxes on the ground and first floor and also in the stage. The roof is double-eaved, with a 45% decline, which is designed in the shape of a partial cone on the west side, and on the east side, the gable ends in the form of a bunch. The roof is covered with brick shingle and equipped with roof guards. The portal is stone. The walls are yellow, the pilasters and sills are white. In the western part of the building, there are the restrooms and the staircase to the balcony with the projection cabin.</p>
Measures	Area 308 m ² , height 10.5 m.
Materials	Stone, brick
Dating	1770
Author / Producer	Idrija Mercury Mine

**Picture
attachments**

Original use

The construction of the theatre building was directly and timely connected with the construction of the Magazine - Mine's Warehouse. It initially served for theatrical performances and other cultural, social and charity events. In the theatre, the German language dominated for eighty years, which was the official and colloquial language of the administrative staff of the mine. In 1850, a first performance in the Slovenian language ("Thief in the Mill") was staged there. After the termination, the Slovenian language regained its momentum in 1889, when Vincenc Lapajne established the Dramatic Society. During World War I, the theatre building was used as a shelter for war prisoners. After the interim theatrical operation, the building was once again used for other purposes, such as the warehouse and the horse stables. After 1945, the building was initially meant to be demolished, but it was rearranged into the cinema in 1952.

Present use

The Mine Theatre is being preserved, secured and presented as important mining heritage of Idrija with exceptional universal values. It is known to be the oldest built theatre building in Slovenia. Despite numerous destructive interventions in the 20th century, the theatre, along with other buildings in the old Idrija town centre, reflects the lifestyle of the mining families in the 18th and 19th centuries. Today, the Film Theatre operates in the building. In 2015, its management was taken over by the Idrija Public Library. In addition to cinema performances, other cultural events are hosted in it.

Original location

2357 Idrija – town, lot no. 1444 (including building no. 633).

Present location

No changes.

STATE OF CONSERVATION

History of conservation:

The renovation of the Mine Theatre was designed by the Idrian architect Silvij Jereb. The partition walls in the west semicircular part of the building, which were built in 1952, were removed between 1983 and 1989. The appearance of the building at the end of the 19th century was considered during the renovation of the exterior.

Present state

good

Necessary activities:

Performing regular maintenance services by the programme, including status control and preservation, security and presentation of the heritage. The complete conservation and restoration programme needs to be prepared, along with the projects for modern interpretation of the monument.

DOCUMENTATION**Addresses / collections / links etc. where further in-depth information is accessible:**

- The Cultural Heritage Register of the Republic of Slovenia;
- Ordinance on the proclamation of the technical heritage in the Idrija and its surroundings for cultural monuments of national importance. Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia no. 66/01, 55/02, 16/08;
- Conservation plan, Idrija - Mine theatre: EŠD 186. DEDO Conservation architecture (Nataša Jurgec Gurnick, Nastja Nylander, Vesna Merc), 2012/2013.
- Zazula, Jožef. Idrijsko rudniško gledališče - v spomin našemu najstarejšemu gledališču. Dom in svet, 18, 6. Ljubljana.

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