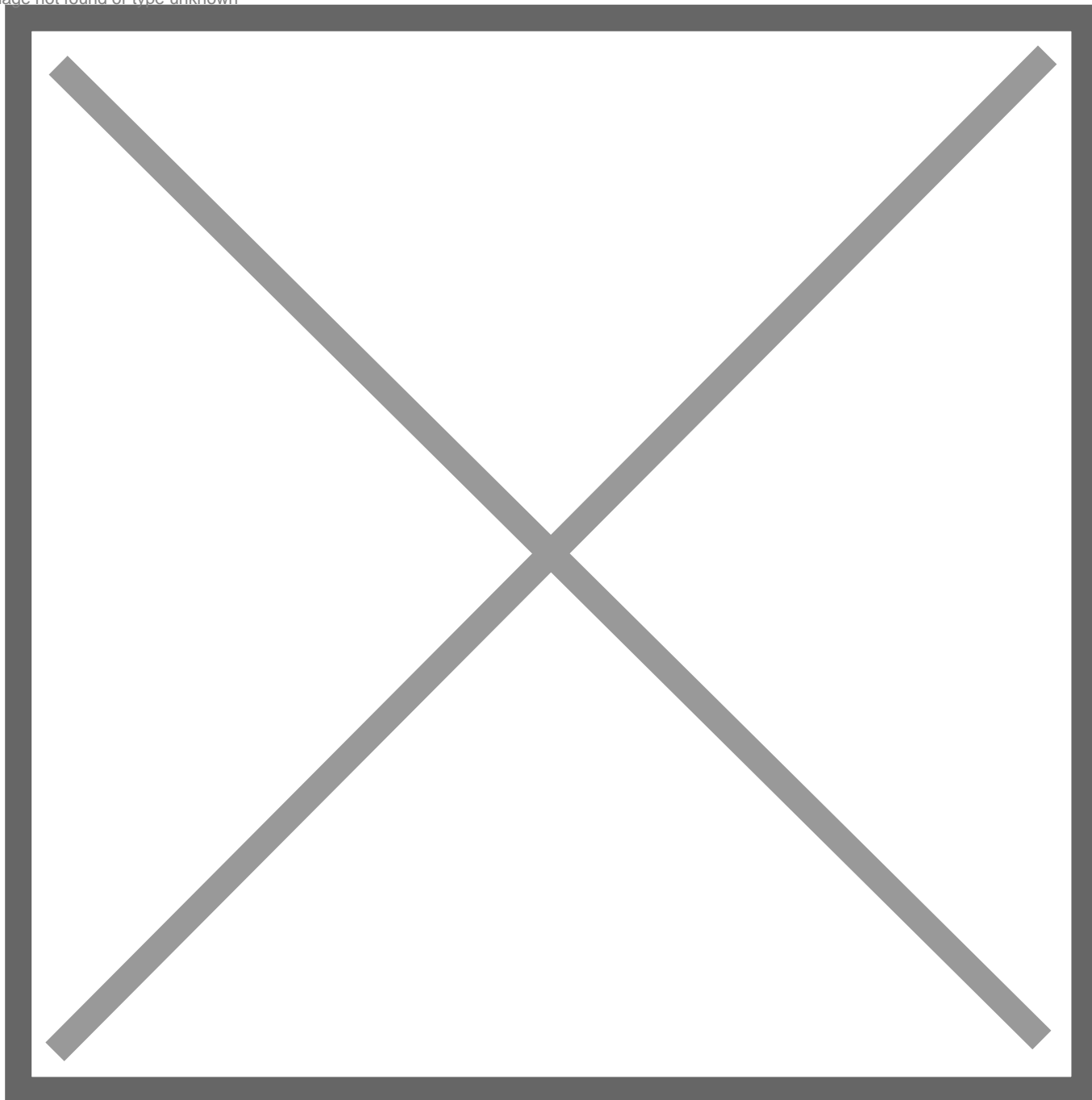


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Felszabadulási Emlékmű [Liberation Monument]

Hungary Jégpince út 5 Western Transdanubia (Region), Vas (County), Szombathely (District) 6JH2+V5 Szombathely		Completion 1970
Original use Original use: Monument/memorial	Current use Current use: Monument/memorial	
Architects János Heckenast		
Construction method Cast-in-place concrete, in-situ concrete	Concrete by reinforcement Reinforced concrete Architectural concrete Architectural concrete	

Description

This monument commemorates the liberation of Hungary by the Red Army in 1945. As such, it forms part of the extensive series of memorials built in the 1960s in countries governed by communist regimes, behind the Iron Curtain. Many of those memorials were built with striking and expressive forms using reinforced concrete.

This Hungarian monument is a clear example, although, unlike others that incorporate some type of museum program, it is only sculptural: two spectacular concrete wings twist asymmetrically – one laterally, cantilevered, and another pointing toward the sky. A simple metal plaque with the inscription “1945” completes the ensemble.