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Múzeum SNP [SNP Museum]

Slovakia

Kapitulská 23
Banská Bystrica Kraj (Region) Banská Bystrica
Okres (Administrative area) 974 01 Banská
Bystrica

Commission

1963

Completion

1969

Other denominations

Múzeum Slovenského Národného Povstania
[Monument to the Slovak National Uprising]

Original use

Culture/leisure/tourism/museum and
Monument/memorial

Current use

Culture/leisure/tourism/museum and
Monument/memorial

Architects

Dušan Kuzma

Engineers

Róbert Lamprecht, Statics

Others

Jozef Jankovi?

Concrete by reinforcement

Reinforced concrete

Construction method

Cast-in-place concrete, in-situ concrete

Architectural concrete

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Structural types

Two-dimensional/Slab

Description

This memorial is both a commemorative monument and a museum dedicated to the uprising of the Slovak people against fascism at the end of the Second World War.

The building is located on a small hill, which visitors ascend via a monumental staircase. It is surrounded by a park that is also an open-air museum of military equipment.

The building is formed by a low horizontal volume, like a podium, above which an expressive concrete structure rises, made up of two asymmetrical bodies in the shape of a shell. Between the two volumes, a linear space houses the monuments and sculptures that commemorate the uprising, the most symbolic area of the ensemble. The two concrete structures, elevated one storey above the memorial space, contain the exhibition halls and are connected to one another by a small bridge.

The construction process for the monument is documented in detail with period photographs, which show the complexity of the process, especially the massive wooden formwork that was required. It was not just the size that made the structure complex: both volumes have an internal waffle structure of ribs and beams at the top for stabilisation.

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