

ATELIER PRO

Opdrachtgever
Gemeente
Zoetermeer

Project type
architecture

Kosten
€ 4.867.000,-

Project status
completed

Locatie
Duitslandlaan
Zoetermeer
Netherlands

4.600 m²

Periode
1988 - 1992

Oplevering
1992



beeld: peter de ruig

Theatre Zoetermeer

The Municipal Theatre sits neatly on the edge of the artificially raised ground plane supporting the centre of Zoetermeer. This difference in height between front and rear public realms was seized on to access the building at two levels. Siting the public areas (entrance, foyer, theatre café) along the pedestrian route to Stadhuis railway station opens up the theatre to the town.

To prevent Duitslandlaan from ending up entirely without windows, four storeys of lettable office space were added to this side of the theatre at Pro's instigation. An arcade running beneath these offices acts as a sheltered walkway leading to the basement parking at the rear of the theatre.

The fly tower, visible for miles around, has had its side graced with an electronic screen cum notice board by the American artist Jeffrey Shaw. A multi-storey car park was built up against the blank rear wall of this fly tower at a later date. Those living locally are spared undue noise by the fact that the loading bay for lorries is fully internal.

Besides a main auditorium seating 728 the Municipal Theatre has a smaller auditorium with over 200 seats that can be used simultaneously with the

main one for either plays or concerts. One of the busiest theatres in the Netherlands, Zoetermeer Municipal Theatre has been praised by producers and artistes alike for its technical capabilities and its ambience.

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