

Auditorium Theatre- Llinars del Valles

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The Auditorium Theatre is located northeast of the urban fabric of the town of Llinars del Valles in the province of Barcelona. The complex is part of a larger plan for the adjacent public land obtained from the transfer of land where Can Marquès agricultural house has been maintained.

The red brick complex consists of two volumes, one three story containing the auditorium and the other, a two story housing the theater's offices, dressing rooms etc.



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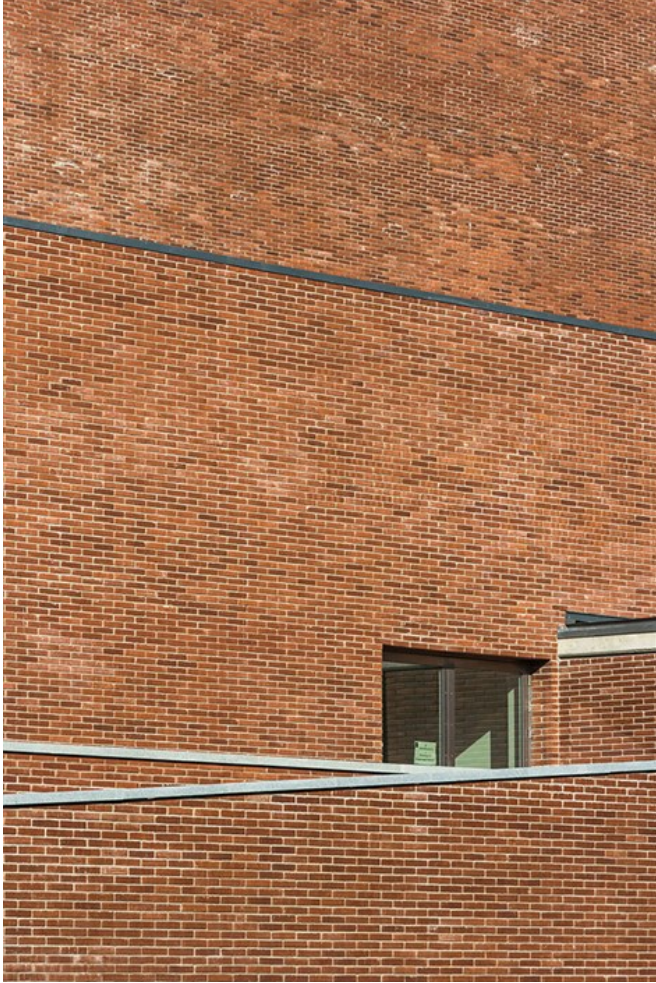


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The preservation of the Can Marquès house and park has guided the general layout of the complex, as well as determined its internal and external connections.

Within the park an area of mature forest, with ancient vegetation crossed by a stream, remains intact. This was a determining factor in the siting and orientation of the new buildings.



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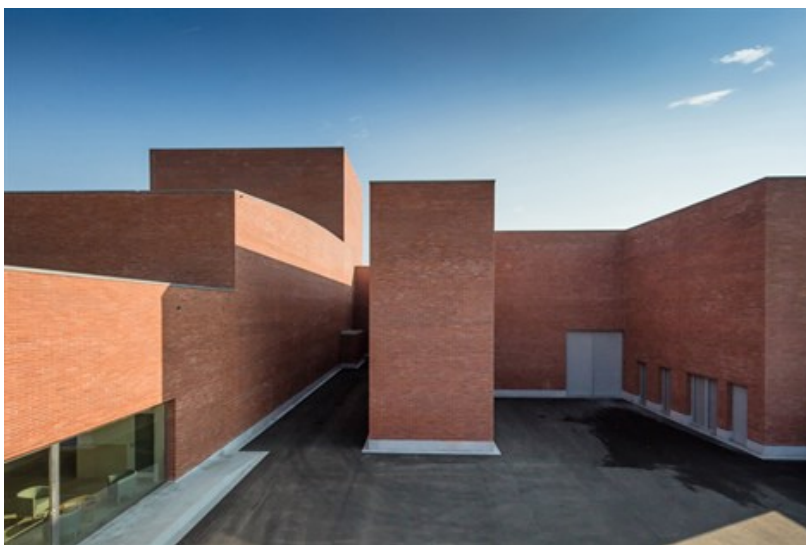


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The functional program presented by the town council included a broad spectrum of activities ie. to design the scenic and musical equipment for the most versatile, artistic, cultural and social performances.

In plan and elevation the "heart" of the complex is the stage box. From here all activities extend with different users located in the scene related spaces. The volumes corresponding to these spaces are articulated by courts in their outward expression."/Álvaro Siza Vieira



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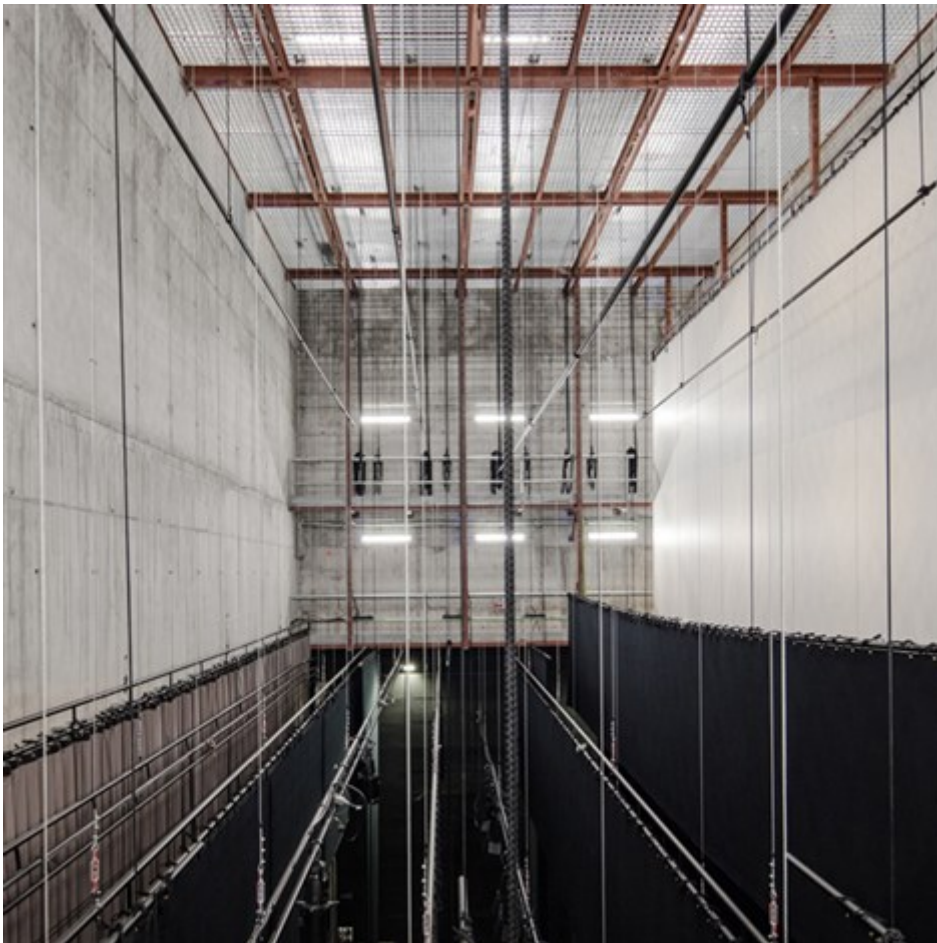


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Placing the Auditorium Theatre with its facade to the Ronda Sant Antoni responds to several general requests: keeping away from the forest, properly setting with the visual axes of the forest clearings, facing the main street, qualifying the access to the new park, etc.



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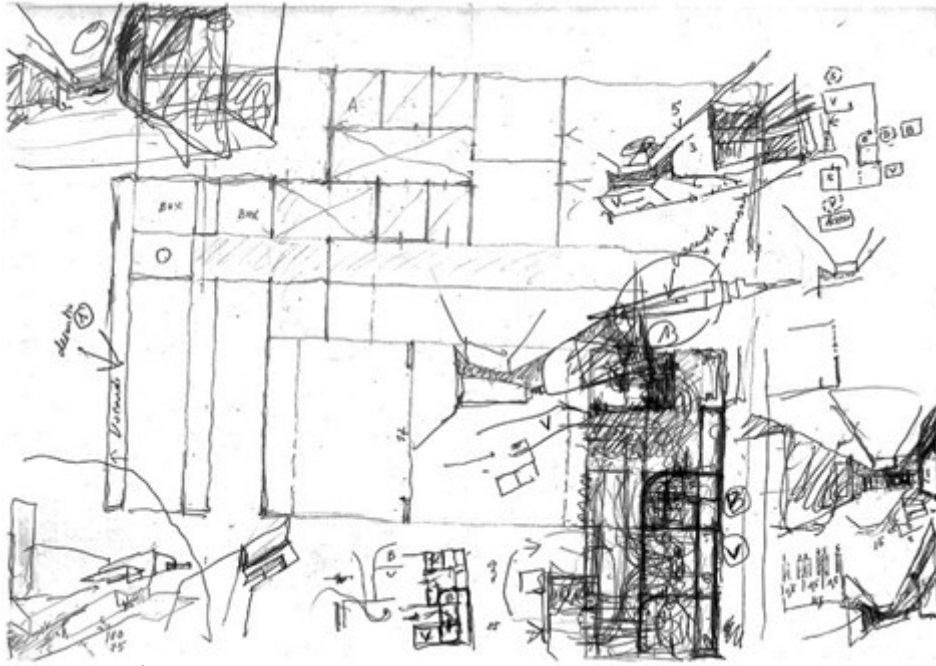


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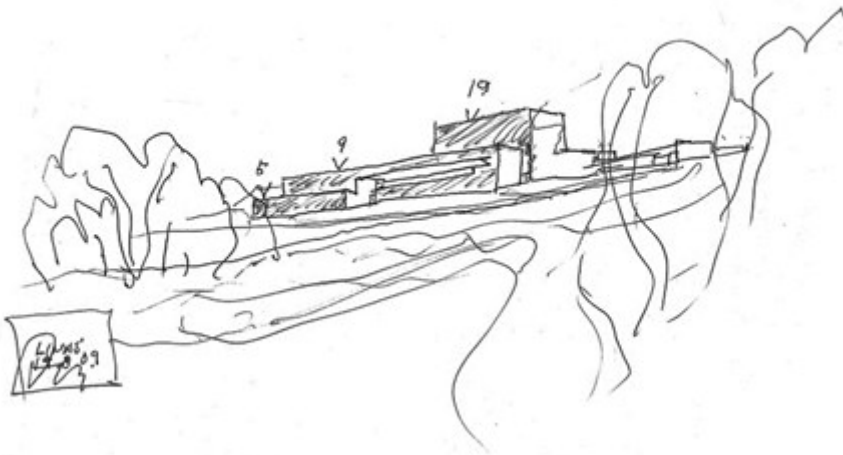
The triangular shape of the plan is fitted as a wedge within the irregular perimeter of Llinars, linking the center of the village with its limit on the northeastern part.



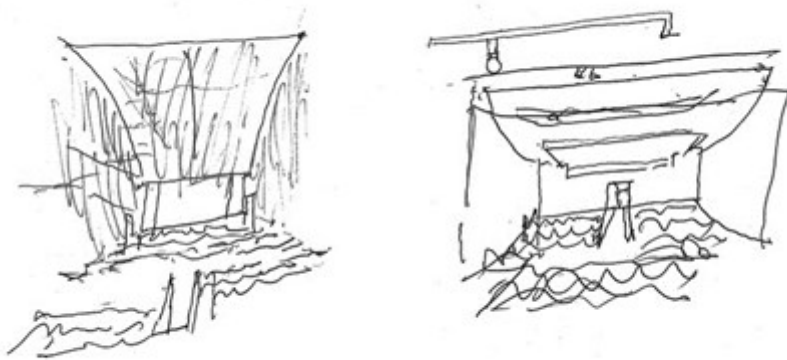
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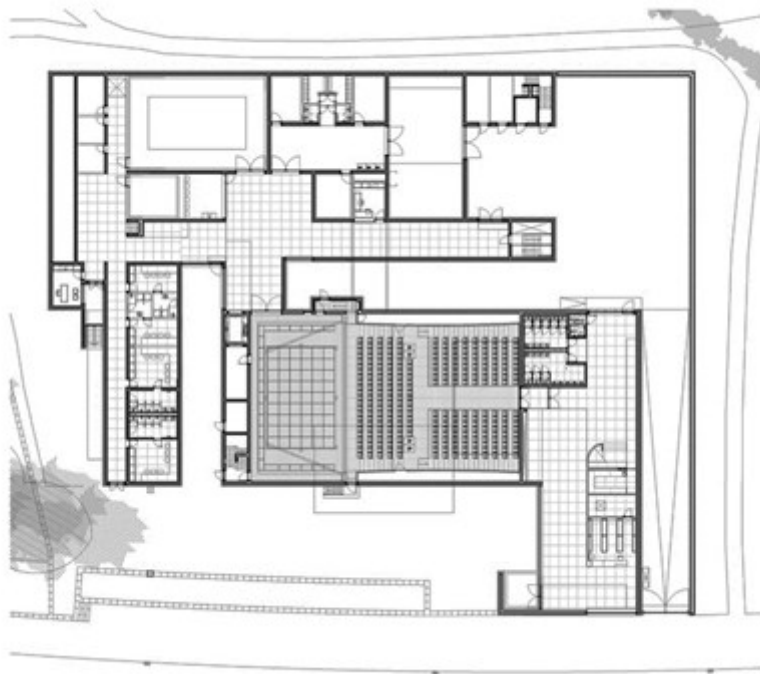
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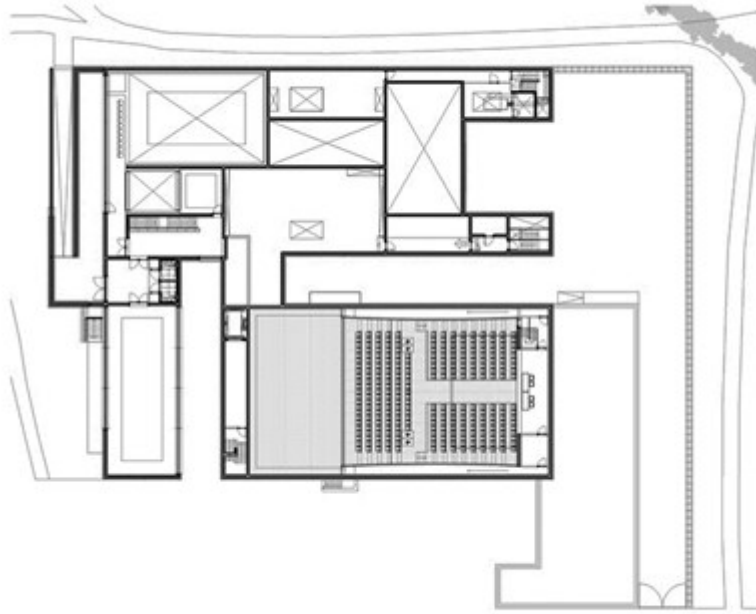


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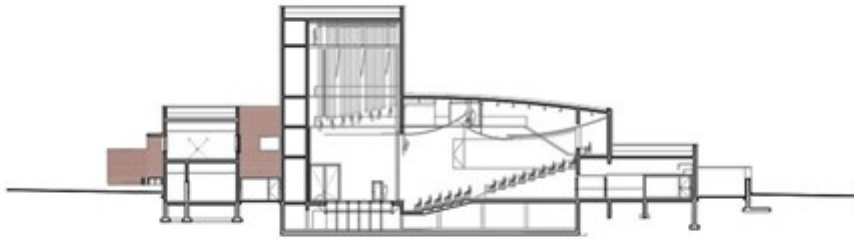


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Ground Floor Plan

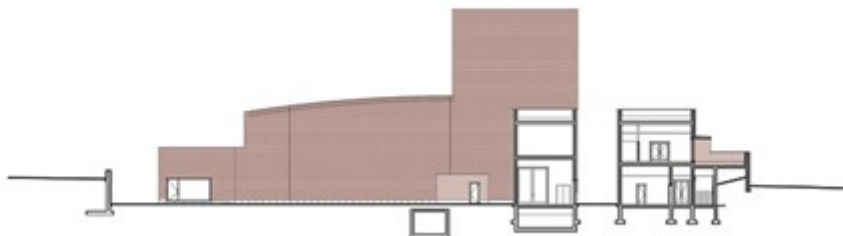


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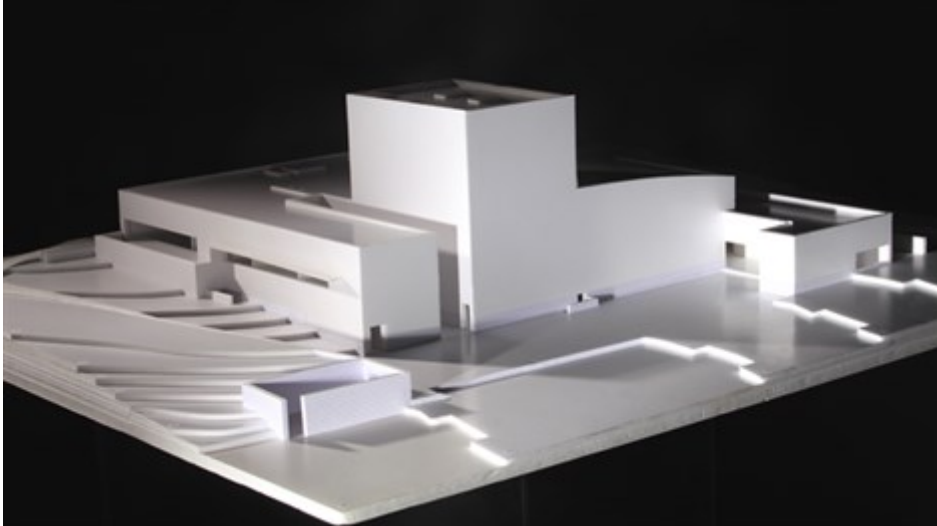
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Facts about Auditorium Theatre

Completed: 2015

Ground floor: 2,249.82 square meters

First floor: 962.52 square meters

Technical plant in basement: 645.00 square meters

Technical plants higher levels: 469.87 square meters

Client: City Council of Llinars del Vallès

Architect: Álvaro Siza Vieira

Associates: Aresta, a+u, SLP (Manel Somoza - Manel González, architects)

Collaborator: Clemente Meneres, architect

Acoustic Project: Dr. Higiní Arau

Engineering: GOP, Gabinete de Obras e Projectos Lda

Engineering Management: Jorge Nunes da Silva

Structures: Jorge Nunes da Silva

Electricity: Alexandre Martins

Hydraulic: Raquel Fernandes

Heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (CVAA): Raul Bessa

Construction Company: Teatre Llinars UTE

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