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CONTINUOUS ADAPTION

- exploring how a revival of Artilleristallarna can add adaptability and cultural value to its context.



The current interior of Artilleristallarna. The image belongs to the author.

DESIGN FOR ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE

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Gothenburg is an exceedingly changing city. By 2021, the coastal city will celebrate its 400th anniversary since its founding. This will implicate the realization of big plans to expand the cultural spectrum within the urban context.

The times of constant change indicate the ever shifting and increasing needs of people, stretching the capacity of cities and buildings to their static maximum.

The lack of space in the urban city core is a contemporary issue. Yet the presence of spacious current venues is a fact. These structures often stand empty or not used to their full potential, holding functions which are not suitable for their specific context.

One of these structures is Artilleristallarna, a former stable of the Swedish Regiment. It was constructed in 1835 and is located in the centre of Gothenburg.

With Artilleristallarna as the key subject and point of departure, the aim of this thesis is to create a design proposal for the transformation of Artilleristallarna through research, and conclude found strategies within the field.

The history of Artilleristallarna is laced with versatility as the building has morphed through time and adjusted its meaning for

multiple needs and functions. All until its evolution stopped in the 1940's, as it froze in time to serve as a garage.

The method has consisted of a constant exploration of Artilleristallarna, which paralleled with theory and research by design with constantly adapting iterations.

The method created the base for the design project and transformation proposal for a public urban space, which involves an addition to the current structure - with an emphasis on reflecting the historical variability of Artilleristallarna.

The goal of this thesis is to present a universal knowledge within the field of transformation which could be applied to similar structures in various contexts.

Adaptability is a significant component in our time of changing needs. The rich history of Artilleristallarna is reflecting the intentions with this thesis - to showcase the immense transformational potential of current structures, but most importantly, to enhance and translate its remarkable divergence into a new and contemporary meaning.

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