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Ljubljana Pogačnik House

Cigaletova 1

Year of plan:
1902

Designer:
Ciril Metod Koch

Contractor:
Valentin Accetto

Investor:
Josip in Štefan Pogačnik

Building type:
apartment house

Source:
ZAL, Reg I.sv. XVI/2, f. 1510

Pogačnik's house, which occupies the central site in the western façade of the square in front of the Palace of Justice, is a classically conceived tenant apartment house with a symmetrical, centrally arranged groundplan, which is also reflected on the façade. The central accent of the façade composition is an elegant portal crowned with a stucco relief representing a typical fin-de-siècle female figure with extended arms, holding plant branches in her hands. Koch patterned his Ljubljana work on then fashionable Viennese Secession models, and it has been ascertained¹ that he borrowed this female figure directly from the plans for the façade of the Vienna Workers' Hall



by Adolf Ritter von Inffeld, which had been published in 1901 in the magazine, *Der Architect*. In general, the façade of Pogačnik house is created on the above mentioned, somewhat reworked pattern. The ground-floor band of windows is linked with horizontal lines cut into the plaster, and the upper two floors are vertically connected with strips which fall from medallions beneath the eaves and continue between the windows of the second floor, where they are interconnected with wide bands of stylised leaves.



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