

## Restoration of Auberge de Castille's façade starts

Workers have started installing scaffolding along part of the façade of the Auberge de Castille in Valletta as a three-year-restoration project enters its most important phase.

The scaffolding is being erected on the right side of the main door at the corner with Merchants' Street.

The project, launched last year by the Restoration Unit of the Ministry of Resources, had so far been concentrated on the Merchants' Street side of the 16th century buildings. That side of the building was cleaned of years of grime, restoring its splendour.

This is the first time the 16th century auberge, built by Grand Master Manuel Pinto de Fonseca, is being properly restored, other than repairs made when the building was hit by a bomb in the second world war.

Its walls have been blackened over the years - a consequence of emissions from traffic and the Marsa power station. The stonework, including elaborate sculptured decorations, also suffered deterioration because of the building's proximity to the sea.

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## Comments

H Zammit(2 weeks, 3 days ago) 

Some of the comments I've read are so pathetic. They actually made me forget what the original article was all about.

Is it possible that you have to put politics into everything. This is exactly what the politicians want from you because in that way you make them feel important, indispensable to our living. When are you going to become free men in the way you think and argue? The cobwebs (the real ones I mean) in Castille can easily be removed with a swipe, but the cobwebs inside some of the minds ...


Daniel Zerafa(2 weeks, 4 days ago) 

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Alan Edwards(2 weeks, 4 days ago) 

That is another load of scaffolding going up. I reckon that scaffolding must be the best business to be involved with in Malta. I wonder where they keep getting it all from?, there are so many embellishment projects and building works going on, you can hardly turn a corner before you see some more.

M Vella(2 weeks, 4 days ago) 

Only in Malta

While appreciating the need for this restoration at the Auberge de Castille, I cannot figure out why the restoration works on the Queen Victoria statue in Valletta,taken in hand by Din l-Art Helwa, was abruptly halted some days ago, by someone in power.

Veru kas ta l-id il-leminija ma tafx x'qed taghmel ix-xellugija.


J.Tonna(2 weeks, 4 days ago)

Mr Vella - Prosit, irnexxielek issib xi tmaqdar, mela nghidu prosit biss!


K. Tonna(2 weeks, 4 days ago) 

Proset and well done those who are working on this restoration.

Le vera dan il Gvern bla ideat.....sour grapes at its best.

Gerard Cassar(2 weeks, 4 days ago) 

Mr.L.Balzan:well said and to the point. It hurts some people, just sorry, its not your fault. Truth hurts.It will be ready for the entrance of a new Prime Minister. Thanks Gonzi.

Jesmond Micallef(2 weeks, 4 days ago) 

Once this restoration of Auberge de Castille is complete, the approach along Triq Girolamo Cassar is going to a be wonderfully prominent and majestic sight indeed. !! My sincere very best wishes to the Restoration Unit of the Ministry of Resources.

R.Borg(2 weeks, 4 days ago) 

@ R.Spiteri re: Mr.Lewis Balzan


I think it is LB that needs a thorough check-up and eventual restoration especially in his negative character traits of ENVY, JEALOUSY AND HATRED.

Eventually all our hidden intentions will be revealed to one and all.


Lewis Balzan(2 weeks, 4 days ago)

@ R. Borg


Envy, jealousy and hatred - are you looking at a mirror perhaps? And what hidden intentions are you insinuating? I pity you cause you're one of a dying breed - soon to become extinct!


J.Tonna(2 weeks, 4 days ago) 


Very well done. The ready parts look as good as new.

R Spiteri(2 weeks, 4 days ago)   
@ Lewis Balzan

Feeling any better now that you passed that comment?! You need a holiday....  
Lewis Balzan(2 weeks, 4 days ago)  
I am on holiday! But I won't feel better until we remove the cobwebs from inside the building! Dalwaqt k'alla jrid!

Oscarr Cassar(2 weeks, 4 days ago)   
Prosit

A.Calleja(2 weeks, 4 days ago)   
Well done. It really needs a face lift.

Lewis Balzan(2 weeks, 4 days ago)   
The significant restoration in Castille most Maltese are waiting for should take place inside, not outside.

J.Tonna(2 weeks, 4 days ago)  
Sorry Lewis - but we have to wait AT LEST another three years. Who knows then?

Anne Farrugia(2 weeks, 4 days ago)  
Mr Balzan, thanks for enlightening us about your need for restoration...kindly fill in the appropriate forms and we'll get back to you!

Christian Ellul(2 weeks, 4 days ago)  
If restorations occur inside i would presume restorations of our jewels will continue. The socialists don't tend to appreciate historical landmarks. They prefer spending the time and money on building blocks of flats and subsidizing consumption.

Ohh but i forgot!!! Now we have the new progressive socialists...thinking of...only with MPs who served with KMB more than 20 yrs ago...sorry, the 'PL' restorations include the facade! Just the facade! ...eagerly waiting for your government Lewis!  
NOT!