



Interwar architecture

KAUNAS WAS AWARDED A
EUROPEAN HERITAGE LABEL

The European Commission officially confirmed that Kaunas, famous for its unique modernist architecture of the interwar period, will be awarded the European Heritage Label.

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European Heritage Label shooting team has visited Kaunas for the last two days. They captured the most important objects in the interwar period including Kaunas Garrison Officer's Club, Central Post Office, Christ's Resurrection Church, Vytautas the Great War Museum and so on. International group of experts during 2014 have valued 36 applications for the national level selected by the European Commission and the EU Member States that joined the European Heritage Label. After long deliberations, a report recommended European Commission to extend the label to 16 places and objects among them Kaunas City municipality.

Kaunas modernism was formed in the fourth decade of the last century, when the city was the temporary capital of Lithuania, Poland occupied Vilnius region. The town is a few tens of exceptional examples of modernist architecture. The first Lithuanian modernist buildings of the Central Post Office, built in 1930-1931. The Architecture and Urbanism Research Centre says the European interwar modernism ideas were brought to Lithuania by several Lithuanian architects who studied abroad. In Lithuania, modernistic architecture developed into its own specific form and is therefore called the Kaunas school of architecture.

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Cultural Heritage object	Year of Construction	Architect
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Central Post Office	1931	Feliksas Vizbaras
Former office of Pažanga company	1931-1934	Feliksas Vizbaras
Former headquarter of milk processing company Pienocentras	1931-1934	Vytautas Landsbergis-Žemkalnis
Kaunas County Police Headquarters (former County government)	1932-1933	Vytautas Landsbergis-Žemkalnis
KTU Faculty of Chemical Technology (former Military Research Laboratory)	1933-1937	Vytautas Landsbergis-Žemkalnis
Chamber of Commerce, Industry, and Trades	1937-1938	Vytautas Landsbergis-Žemkalnis
Lithuanian Sports University (former Physical Education Building)	1933-1934	Vytautas Landsbergis-Žemkalnis
Sports Hall	1938-1939	Anatolijus Rozenbliumas
<i>Lithuanian University of Health Sciences</i> Main building (former VMU Medical faculty)	1931-1933	Vladimiras Dubeneckis

Garrison Officers' Club	1931-1937	Stasys Kudokas, Elmar Lohk, Herbert Johanson, Vladimir Dubeneckis, Jonas Kriščiukaitis, Kazys Kriščiukaitis, Songaila, Jonas Kova-Kovalskis
Vytautas the Great War Museum and M. K. Čiurlionis National Museum of Art	1929-1936	Vladimiras Dubeneckis, Karolis Reisonas, Kazimieras Kriščiukaitis
Kaunas City Municipality (former Savings Bank)	1938-1940	Arnas Funkas, Bronius Elsbergas
Žaliakalnis funicular	1931-1933	-
Aleksotas funicular	1935	-
KTU Central building (former Agriculture bank)	1933-1935	Karolis Reisonas,
Christ's Resurrection Basilica	1933-1940	Karolis Reisonas
Kaunas Sacred Heart of Jesus (Šančiai) Church	1938	Algirdas Šalkauskis, Adolfas Netyksa, Pranas Mark
Jonas Jablonskis Gymnasium (former Elementary School)	1930-1931	Antanas Jokimas

KTU Vaižgantas Progymnasium (former Šančiai gymnasium)	1938	Stasys Kudokas
Romuva Cinema	1938-1940	Nikolajus Mačiulskis
Former Pasaka Cinema	1939-1940	Jokūbas Rabinavičius, Juozas Segalauskas, M. Laurinavičius
Residential house Maironio g. 13	1930-1931	Vytautas Landsbergis - Žemkalnis
Former Beras Goldbergas residential house	1937	Volfas Brūnas
Former doctor Nadiežda Nagornienė residential house	1934	Adolfas Netyksa
Former Vatican's nunciature	1931	Vytautas Landsbergis - Žemkalnis
Former lawyer's Kazimieras Škėma house	1932-1933	Bronius Elsbergas, Klaudijus Duš-Dušauskas
Former Dr. Antanas Gyls private hospital	1933	Leonas Ritas
Former artist A. Žmuidzinavičius' residential house	1928	Vytautas Landsbergis - Žemkalnis

Former Mayor's Jonas Vileišis house	1930	Aleksandras Gordevičius
Former engineer's Antanas Gravrogkas residential house	1932	Edmundas Frykas
Former Vincas and Ona Tercijonai residential house	1936	Bronius Elsbergas
Residential house Laisvės al. 3	1933	Stasys Kudokas
Architect Stasys Kudokas residential house - villa	1937	Stasys Kudokas
Gyvenamasis namas Vaidilutės g. 3	1938	Stasys Kudokas
Kaunas Art Gymnasium (former Minister Juozas Tūbelis villa)	1933	Feliksas Vizbaras
Former residential house	1932	Feliksas Vizbaras
Former Mikas Grodzenskis' residential house	1929	Edmundas Frykas, Mikas Grodzenskis
Former Aleksandra Iljinienė residential house	1933	Arnas Funkas

Residential house Laisvės al. 69	1929-1930	-
Residential house L. Sapiegos g. 4	1935	Leiba Zimanas, Isaokas Trakmanas
Residential house Vydūno al. 59	1934	Vladimiras Kopylovas
Residential house Vytauto pr. 30	1930-1931	Vladimiras Dubeneckis
Former Butas cooperative	1931-1932	Jonas Kriščiukaitis
Former Tulpė cooperative	1925-1926	Antanas Macijauskas