



Ringling Museum of Art - Ca' d'Zan

JOHN & MABLE RINGLING MUSEUM OF ART, SARASOTA, FL

The Ca' d'Zan is the home of legendary circus king John Ringling and his wife Mable. The Venetian Gothic residence overlooking Sarasota Bay, was completed in 1926 and bequeathed to the people of the State of Florida in 1936. The aim of our project was to assess, perform emergency stabilization, and restore threatened terra cotta elements of the structure. Work included: (1) a hands-on condition assessment of all exterior terra cotta units on the Ca' d'Zan, (2) stabilization and restoration of select architectural features to ensure the structural integrity of the house and (3) keeping the historical materials and color palette true to the original Venetian vision of John and Mable Ringling.

The comprehensive on-site assessment took place from December 2015 through January 2016. Non-destructive testing methods were applied by a consulting structural engineer on various elements in the Belvedere Tower and the southwest balcony (John Ringling's Office Balcony.") We concentrated on the locations of the Belvedere, the Balcony, and the cornice of the north and south elevations. Whenever possible, original terra cotta elements were retained. Where needed, damaged and unsound units were removed, cataloged, and stored for future study. Comprehensive baseline documentation of all conditions affecting the terra cotta units was provided in the form of conditions drawings and high-resolution photographs.

After completion of the assessment, EverGreene and The Ringling Museum worked with a terra cotta manufacturer to recreate the unique, ornate terra cotta elements to be used in the restoration effort...

MORE INFORMATION:

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SERVICES PERFORMED

Surveys & Condition Assessments

PROJECT DETAILS

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