

THE OPERA HOUSE

1-Who ordered the construction of the Opera?

Napoleon III ordered the construction of The Opera House.

2. What are its various architectural styles?

The building was built in a mixture of different architectural styles, including Renaissance, Baroque and Classical styles.

3. What was the purpose of the large ramp on the West side of the Opera?

The large ramp on the West side of the building was put there so that the Emperor could drive directly into the main hall of the Opera.

4. Why was the completion of the Opera delayed?

Because there was a war in 1870 and a fire 1873.

5. Who designed the Opera?

The architect Charles Garnier was chosen to design the Opera.

6. What was the purpose of the underground lake?

To make the foundations of the building safe.

7. What are the four allegorical groups on the façade?

The four allegorical groups of the façade are Music, lyric Poetry, lyric drama and Dance.

