Bellas Artes

The Palace of Fine Arts, Spanish Palacio de Bellas Artes, is Mexico City's 0. GRANDEST and most important performance space. It is one of the many public 1 _____ begun during the government of Porfirio Diaz, who was in office from 1876 to 1911. The building features murals that were executed by some of Mexico's 2 _____ artists. The Palacio de Bellas Artes is one of Mexico City's most popular and frequented destinations, visited by around 10,000 people weekly and loved as much by tourists as it is by the locals. This building is instantly 3 _____ due to its elegant, ornate, white Carrara marble façade and shimmering, dragon scale roof tiles.

Italian Adamo Boari began 4 _____ on the Palacio de Bellas Artes in 1904, but it was 5 _____ both before and during the period of the Mexican Revolution. 6 _____ due to take four years to complete, it actually took 30! However, Porfirio Diaz managed to lay the inaugural stone before construction was interrupted. The project was 7 _____ again under the watchful eye of Mexican architect Federico Mariscal in 1932, and the Palacio as we know, and love today was completed by 1934. Sinking continued to be an issue (as with most of Mexico City) and reports suggest that the theatre has sunk around four meters since 1904.

The striking architecture is, as 8 _____ mentioned, one of the most impressive and awe-inspiring elements of the Palacio de Bellas Artes, however, it is not just one single style; it is an amalgamation of several turn-of-the-century architectural movements, such as art deco, neoclassical and art nouveau. The Palacio itself can be divided into three sections: the offices of the Instituto Nacional de Bellas Artes, the main hall and adjoining rooms which spread across three levels and the theatre which has a stunning stained glass 'curtain' made of almost a million pieces of Tiffany New York glass.

Aside from the Museo de Bellas Artes and the Museo de Arquitectura, the Palacio De Bellas Artes is also particularly well known for its murals by artists such as Diego Rivera, David Siqueiros, Rufino Tamayo and José Clemente Orozco. These artworks can be 9 _____ predominantly on the first floor of the main hall, although there are some Tamayo pieces on the ground floor.

The Palacio de Bellas Artes is best 10 _____ for playing host to the twice-weekly Ballet Folklórico de México, as well as the Compañia Nacional de Ópera de Bellas Artes and the Orquesta Sinfónica Nacional. It is also the site of almost constant exhibitions about poetry, 11 _____, sculpture, literature, music and photography. 12 _____ , the Premios Ariel are held there, as well as the Premio Quorum. As a result, it is the most important cultural centre in Mexico and was 13 _____ by UNESCO as an artistic monument in 1

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