

Gatti Mausoleum

A small chapel of eclectic design, more Gothic than anything else. It is built of Portland stone with pink granite columns to either side of the glazed bronze doors. There is a hipped rectangular lantern in the roof filled with pink and yellow glass and the interior of the building is lined with white marble.

St Mary's RC Cemetery
Kensal Green
Harrow Road
Kensal Green
NW10 5NU

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Architects

Not known

Year Built

1897

Style

Gothic Revival

Listing

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Condition

Fair/good (2002)

History

Agostino Gatti (1842-97) and Stefano Gatti (1845-1906) were extremely successful proprietors of the Adelphi Theatre. It was here that in 1891 Mrs Patrick Campbell scored a triumph in *The Trumpet Call* and, in 1899, that Sarah Bernhardt gave her famous performance as Ophelia in *Hamlet*. More notoriously, it was at the entrance of the Adelphi that the Gatti's leading man, William Terriss, was stabbed to death in 1897. The mausoleum was built following the death of Agostino Gatti in 1897. The brothers were succeeded in the business by their nephews John and Rocco Gatti, who were proprietors of both the Adelphi and the Vaudeville Theatre. The senior partner, Sir John Maria Gatti (1872-1926) was Mayor of Westminster in 1911-12, and Chairman of London County Council in 1927-29. He collapsed and died while playing golf at Littlestone in 1929. He too is buried in the mausoleum.

Sources

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Photos



Location

SatNav Co-ordinates: 51.530238121, -0.2260364622