

Temppeli aukio Kirkko (Rock Church)

case study
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Location: Helsinki, Finland



Architect: Timo and Tuomo Suomalainen

Owner: n/a

Year of completion: 1969

Climate: Hemiboreal Climate

Material of interest: Unworked Rock

Application: Exterior

Properties of material: Unworked rock is used on the exterior and interior of this church, which allows it to fit into the context where it is buried in a piece of granite. The rock also creates desirable acoustics inside the space.

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