New York State Capitol

Capitol Park, Albany

Erected between 1867 and 1899, this is one of the nation's most lavish, architecturally significant, and idiosyncratic state capitols. It was begun in the Italian Renaissance style, but was completed in the Romanesque Revival style. Thomas Fuller, Leopold Eidlitz, and H. H. Richardson contributed their architectural talents to the melange. Construction of the building marked a period of great prosperity and confidence in post–Civil War New York, whose sobriquet, the Empire State, is well reflected in this building that still houses a portion of its government.