



## **Press Release**

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### **AIA UK ANNOUNCES THE 2011 EXCELLENCE IN DESIGN AWARDS WINNERS**

At the annual Awards Gala, held at the Lilian Baylis Studio, Sadler's Wells, London, on Wednesday 13 April, the American Institute of Architects UK Chapter honoured excellence in design. Eligible work had to be completed buildings and be designed by UK architects for projects anywhere in the world, and by architects of any nationality for buildings in the UK. Four winners were announced. Jury members presented the winning projects to an audience of AIA members, guests and entrants. The Gala was sponsored by Desso.

#### **Winners:**

Winner – European Projects:

**Terry Pawson Architects** – VISUAL – Centre for Contemporary Art & The George Bernard Shaw Theatre, Carlow, Ireland



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Winner – Small Projects:

**Hugh Strange Architects** – Strange House, London, England





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Winner – International Projects:

**Zaha Hadid Architects** – Guangzhou Opera House, Guangzhou, China





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Winner – Renovation:

**Haworth Tompkins** – The London Library, London, England





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In parallel with the professional awards, the chapter recognised future talent through the Noel Hill Student Travel Awards Programme. Entries are sought from students currently enrolled in UK universities for a portfolio of their work and a proposal for study/travel experience abroad.

This year a single award was given to **Robin Flindell** from Sheffield University. Robin will be using the £1000 prize to assist in his travels to Teotihuacan, near Mexico City and to The Forbidden City, Beijing, China. Robin will be continuing his research into a Universal Geometry by studying these cultures and their architectural archaeology.





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## **2011 Design Awards Jury**

Deborah Bartlett, London 2012 Olympic Delivery Authority

John Barrow, Populous

Rik Nys, David Chipperfield Architects

Ruth Reed, RIBA President

Liz Waters, AIA UK President / RTKL

David Nicholls, Desso

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Further information on the Design Awards Programme and the AIA UK Chapter can be found at [www.iaiuk.org](http://www.iaiuk.org).

### **Note to Editors:**

The American Institute of Architects has been a professional society of architects for over 150 years. The AIA, representing more than 83,000 members, is the largest voice of the architectural community in the United States and North America. In 1992, London officially became the 'first international chapter' of the AIA, leading the way for the formal recognition of other international chapters in Continental Europe, Asia, and the Middle East.

The AIA UK Chapter, based in London, now has over 180 members throughout the country. We have continued a dialogue with the Royal Institute of British Architects and work jointly with its members to promote architecture and the architectural profession. Many of our members are also members of the RIBA and membership in the AIA is available to UK registered architects. Each year, the AIA UK Chapter provides a variety of programs, including lectures, building visits, and cycle tours. In addition to the Annual Design Awards, the Annual Keynote Lecture, and the Annual Student / Professional Design Charrette, held each autumn, deserve particular note.

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