

Internasjonal utmerkelse til div.A arkitekter

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div.A arkitekter MNAL RIBA as, Oslo, er tildelt RIBA International Awards 2006 for Kastellet skole.

RIBA, Royal Institute of British Architects, er Norske arkitekters landsforbunds britiske søsterorganisasjon. RIBA International Awards, som tidligere gikk under navnet RIBA Worldwide Awards, gis til fremragende arbeider verden over utført av RIBA-medlemmer.

div.A arkitekter får prisen for Kastellet skole, Oslo, som stod ferdig i 2004. Østengen & Bergo as er landskapsarkitekter på prosjektet, mens Beate Ellingsen as har vært interiørarkitekt.

Om skolen heter i prisbedømmelsen:

– Kastellet School brings the forest that surrounds it into the children's daily lives: in the timber vertical brises soleil and in the wooden decking between the classrooms. A hierarchy of indoor spaces reflects the latest thinking in education in Norway, allowing for teaching in large lecture halls or small tutorial groups. This is an exquisite place to grow up in.

Prisen til Kastellet skole er én av i alt ti tildelinger av RIBA International Awards 2006. De øvrige er

- 173-176 Perry Street, New York, United States, arkitekt Richard Meier & Partners
 - Bro, Maosi Village, Kina, arkitekt Department of Architecture, Chinese University of Hong Kong
 - British Council, Lagos, Nigeria, arkitekt Allies and Morrison
 - Canadian War Museum, Ottawa, Canada, arkitekt Moriyama and Teshima Architects/Griffiths Rankin Cook Architects
 - Dulnyouk Publishers, Sør-Korea, arkitekt Foreign Office Architects
 - Red Location Museum of the People's Struggle, New Brighton, Sør-Afrika, arkitekt Noero Wolff Architects
 - Terrence Donnelly Centre for Cellular and Biomolecular Research, Toronto, Canada, arkitekt Behnisch
- Arkitekten i samarbeid med architects Alliance
- The Wohl Centre, Israel, arkitekt Studio Daniel Libeskind i samarbeid med architects The Heder Partnership
 - Zürich Airport, Sveits, arkitekt Grimshaw

Vinnerne får sine håndfaste æresbevisninger under en festmiddag i London 23. juni. Tre av prosjektene – Canadian War Museum, Red Location Museum of the People's Struggle og Terrence Donnelly Centre – er også nominert til Lubetkin-prisen, som gis til beste prosjekt utenfor EU. Både Lubetkin-prisen og RIBA International Awards sponses av Architectural Review.



Kastellet skole. Foto: Jiri Havran

KASTELLET SKOLE

Birger Olivers vei 34, Oslo
Vinner, begrenset arkitektkonkurranse
Ferdigstilt august 2004
560 elever, totalt 7 000 kvm
Byggherre: Skoleetaten, Oslo kommune
Arkitekt: div.A arkitekter MNAL RIBA as
Landskapsarkitekt: Østengen & Bergo as
Interiørarkitekt: Beate Ellingsen as

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A school for six- to fifteen-year-olds with primary and secondary teaching for 560 pupils, this is about a third of the size of a typical British equivalent. It also incorporates a special-needs unit for multi-handicapped children, and these facilities are carefully integrated into the heart of the school.

Three wings containing the primary, middle and secondary schools are connected, through a series of bridges over the school street, to the communal facilities that house the assembly hall/gym, science and art rooms, library and administrative areas. There is much invention in the plan, most notably in the T-shaped classrooms that share large external learning terraces. Teaching is carried out in a variety of spaces, from large lecture rooms to smaller seminar spaces, and the building effortlessly encourages learning through its flexibility. Most innovatively, the home-economics area doubles up as the school café, a clever interpretation of the traditional brief.

Externally, the buildings are elegantly detailed using a combination of timber fins, steel and render. All teaching spaces have direct access to an undulating timber-decked landscape, the playful and sculptural nature of which acts as a backdrop for both learning and playing.

All Norwegian public buildings have to include works of art: in this case Antony Gormley was commissioned to make a piece called 'The Perpetual Pupil' that hangs below one of the bridges at the centre of the street.

The secret of Kastelet School is that it does not try too hard. Its minimal plan deals effortlessly with the complex nature of its brief while providing spaces that have character and flexibility. In Britain we are embarking on the biggest school-construction programme ever, and making some good buildings. However, this quiet and elegant school shows that we still have much to learn from our European colleagues.

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STRUCTURAL ENGINEER STROMDORKEN &
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INTERIOR ARCHITECT BEATE ELLINGSEN AS
QS BYGGANALYSE AS
ELECTRICAL ENGINEER STOLTUN AS
CONTRACTOR LID ENTREPRENOR AS
LANDSCAPE ØSTENGEN & BERGD AS
CONTRACT VALUE £15.6 MILLION
GROSS INTERNAL AREA 6700 SQUARE
METRES
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