

Competition Case Study Manchester Art Gallery

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Manchester Art Gallery

Invited Design Competition

In November 1994, Manchester City Council invited expressions of interest for an International Design Competition to progress plans to refurbish the existing historic City Art Gallery and Athenaeum. Ever since Manchester Corporation first took over the City Art Gallery in 1882 there have been plans to extend the premises.

The competition attracted 132 architects, 6 teams were selected to proceed to the final design stage. Hopkins Architects were announced as winners in January 1995.

The new extension, with its stone and glass façade provides a new landmark for the city centre. A spacious new glass atrium has been created to link the new wing with the former City Art Gallery and Athenaeum.

The new Manchester Art Gallery re-opened to the public in May 2002.

Jury Panel

Jim Chapman, RIBA Architectural Adviser
Graham Morrison, RIBA Architectural Adviser
Sebastian de Ferranti, Chair of the Advisers
Brian Cox, Regional Arts Board
Richard Gray, Director Manchester City Art Gallery
Paul Lee, Chair of Patrons
Marianne Neville-Rolfe, NW DoE
David Plowright, Chair City of Drama
Councillor Dorothy Rathbone, Chair of Galleries and Museums
Nicholas Serota, Director of Tate Gallery London
Warren Smith, Chair of Hallé Management Council
Councillor Graham Stringer, Leader of City Council
Terry Thomas, NWBLT

Awards

Civic Society of Manchester Phoenix Award 2002
RIBA Award 2003
RIBA Client of the Year 2003
Royal Fine Art Commission Trust Aggiornamento Award 2003
The Concrete Society Award 2003
The British Construction Industry Building Award 2003 – Shortlisted
Civic Trust Award 2004

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