Young Talent Architecture Award 2018 Exhibition, Awards Ceremony and debate is a Collateral Event of the 16th International Architecture Exhibition – La Biennale di Venezia

Fundació Mies van der Rohe together with Creative Europe, the European Association for Architectural Education and the Architects’ Council of Europe are proud to announce that the Young Talent Architecture Award (YTAA) 2018 Exhibition will be among the 12 Collateral Events at the 16th International Architecture Exhibition entitled Freespace, curated by Yvonne Farrell and Shelley McNamara and organized by La Biennale di Venezia.

The Young Talent Architecture Award (YTAA) brings together the best graduation projects from European architecture, urban planning and landscape schools. This year, China and South Korea have also been invited to participate. YTAA is organised by the Fundació Mies van der Rohe with the support of Creative Europe as an extension of the European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture – Mies van der Rohe Award. This year the YTAA prize has merged with the European Medal for the best diploma and is organised in partnership with the European Association for Architectural Education (EAAE) and the Architects’ Council of Europe (ACE-CAE). The World Architects is a founding partner; the European Cultural Centre is a partner in Venice; and the award is sponsored by Jung and Jansen; with the support of USM.

The Collateral Event will be a comprehensive exhibition taking place at Palazzo Mora, Cannaregio, that will present the designs of the YTAA 2018 shortlisted works including the 12 finalists and the 4 winners. Together with images and drawings, videos will also be used to explain the graduation projects. The exhibition will be open from 26th May to 25th November 2018 with a Press Preview on 24th May 2018 at 4 pm.

In the framework of the 16th International Architecture Exhibition – La Biennale di Venezia, the winners of the YTAA will be honoured during an awards ceremony that will take place in Venice on September 20th 2018. The ceremony will be also complemented with a debate on the main topics of the “European Year of Cultural Heritage” organised by the European Commission, and those issues which will arise from the results of YTAA. The debate will count with the winners, the jury members, a number of Future Architecture Platform participants and other guests.

This the second edition of the Young Talent Architecture Award: 334 Graduation Projects have been submitted (in 2016 there were 211) by 451 students of 118 Schools (architecture, urban planning and landscape architecture) from 32 different European countries plus China and South Korea participating as Guest Countries.
The jury is composed of 5 renowned specialists representing diverse schools and trends in the fields of architecture and architectural critique:

- Salomon Frausto, Director of Studies at the Berlage, Delft (President);
- Martina Bauer, Architect, Senior Associate at Barkow Leibinger, Berlin;
- Ana Betancour, Researcher, Professor and Rector at UMA School of Architecture, Umeå;
- Matilde Cassani, Architect on the border between architecture, installation and event design, Milan;
- Rainer Mahlamäki, Architect Founder of Lahdelma & Mahlamäki Architects, Helsinki.

YTAA has emerged from an interest the initial stages of these students’ development and a desire to support their talent as they enter into the professional world. The YTAA 2016 winners have been tracked and they are now working in the fields of design, research and construction in architecture offices, universities or their own studios in New York, Wroclaw and Madrid. All designs become part of the YTAA archive that can be looked up on ytaaward.com.

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