

# THE GLASGOW SCHOOL OF ART

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## The Glasgow School of Art welcomes architects to centenary celebrations for the Mackintosh Building

The Glasgow School of Art is to host a Mackintosh Symposium on Charles Rennie Mackintosh and international student design competition from **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2009** to mark the centenary of its iconic Mackintosh Building.

On 14<sup>th</sup> December, all those interested in the work of Charles Rennie Mackintosh are invited to the Glasgow Film Theatre (GFT), where the Mackintosh Symposium will take place to discuss and debate the contribution of Mackintosh as architect, furniture designer and artist.

The Mackintosh Symposium will be chaired by **Neil Baxter**, Secretary & Treasurer RIAS (Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland) and keynote speakers are: **Professor William J.R. Curtis**, renowned historian and critic; **Benedetta Tagliabue** Principal, EMBT Architects, Barcelona; **Emeritus Professor Andrew Macmillan OBE**, former Head of the Mackintosh School of Architecture; **Professor Gordon Benson OBE**, Benson and Forsyth Architects; **Professor Pamela Robertson**, Senior Curator of the Mackintosh Collection, Hunterian Gallery, University of Glasgow.

For the international student design competition, students from 19 schools of architecture, from China and Japan, Australia and the USA, to Europe and Scandinavia, will participate in an International Student Design Competition from Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at The Glasgow School of Art. Their brief for the three day competition is to design a new Mackintosh School of Architecture and library for the Glasgow School of Art. The speakers from the Mackintosh Symposium will form a jury for the competition and will announce the winners on 15<sup>th</sup> December at a special prize giving in Mackintosh's Queen's Cross Church in Glasgow.

On the afternoon of 15<sup>th</sup> December, all competition entrants and speakers from the symposium are then invited to attend The Glasgow School of Art's main centenary event in the Mackintosh Building to mark exactly 100 years since Charles Rennie Mackintosh's building was officially handed over to the School.

**Tickets to the Mackintosh Symposium on 14<sup>th</sup> December cost £60/80/100. For more information go to [www.gsa.ac.uk/macsymposium](http://www.gsa.ac.uk/macsymposium) To book tickets please contact The Glasgow School of Art Architecture Office, 0141 353 4654/4686 or email Joanne Thomlinson [j.thomlinson@gsa.ac.uk](mailto:j.thomlinson@gsa.ac.uk) or Anna Kawecka [A.Kawecka@gsa.ac.uk](mailto:A.Kawecka@gsa.ac.uk)**

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