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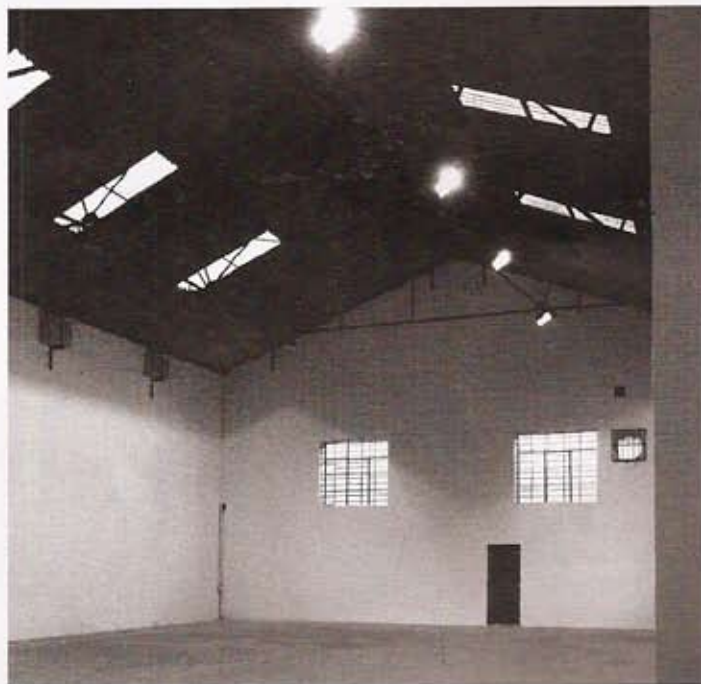


Federico Brunetti

The Winner Is...

The World Architecture Festival, the biggest architectural event in the world held in Barcelona at the end of last month named Grafton Architects' new faculty building for the Luigi Bocconi University in Milan as World Building of the Year. Speaking at the awards ceremony, festival director Paul Finch praised the building for its relationship with the city. Evaluated by a super jury comprising of Cecil Balmond, Ricky Burdett, Charles Jencks, Süha Özkan and chaired by Robert Stern, the faculty building impressed with its physical and conceptual density and the "effortless with no histrionics" structural solution that suspends offices for 1000 professors over a subterranean concourse. With its allusions to Modernist megastructures reprised and reconceived for the twenty-first century, "It's one of those great buildings that allows you to see a moment of the past in a totally fresh way" as chairman Stern observed.

www.worldarchitecturefestival.com



Culture Comes Home

Are you excited? We are. Opening on December 4th is the Malta Contemporary Art Foundation, an NGO aiming to promote groundbreaking contemporary culture with a focus on the visual arts. A very exciting annual programme is being set up including challenging high calibre local and international exhibitions, experimental performances, and talks in various fields such as the visual arts, film, design, architecture, and critical theory.

Malta Contemporary Art kicks off on the 4th with an exhibition of work by Maltese artists group Start, entitled 'eight eighteen'. The exhibition will remain open until December 24th and will feature works in all media ranging from painting to film and video.

Malta's first diverse contemporary art collection will also be set up, collecting about 50 international and local works every year in all media including installation, film, video and digital media. Future plans also include a critical journal, art publications, public art projects and workshops in addition to the creation of an education programme in the near future.

As we go to print the first of fantastic film NGO Kinemastiks' film weekend will have begun. So, visit MCA at Number 8 Off Racecourse Street, Marsa and stay updated on upcoming exhibitions via the website.

www.maltacontemporaryart.com

Light Charm

With work featured in permanent collections at the Museum of Modern Art in New York and the Victoria and Albert Museum, as well as a list of clients and patrons including Rosenthal, Swarovski and Hussein Chalayan, Michael Anastassiades' design pieces are clearly in demand – and for good reason. M.E. is impressed by the select range of 'editions', available from his London based studio, incorporating lighting, furniture, jewellery and tabletop objects, all revolving around a philosophy that sees a continuous search for eclecticism, individuality, and timeless qualities in design. Elegantly proving that less is sometimes more...

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