



Submission for the sixth round has begun

Erich Mendelsohn Award 2023 for Brick Architecture is announced

A success story continues: Dedicated for the first time to the visionary architect Erich Mendelsohn, the renowned Award for Brick Architecture enters its sixth round. Once again, the focus is on outstanding projects that use the architectural potential of the traditional building material brick in a sustainable way. In 2020, the fifth round of the competition attracted more than 600 entries from 30 countries. Entries for the award, that is offered and organized every three years by the Initiative Bauen mit Backstein (Brick Building Initiative) and is endowed with a total of 10.000 Euros, can be submitted from January 9th to April 30th 2023.

With the upcoming high number and quality of the expected submissions from all over the world, the Erich Mendelsohn Award is listed among the most important German architecture prizes. The competition is looking for sustainable buildings whose design combines economic, ecological and aesthetic components and whose architecture is characterized by an appropriate approach to the site and its existing structures. Entries can be submitted online at the following website, all information required for application can also be found there: www.erich-mendelsohn-preis.com/en

Due to the expected high number of entries and the subsequent processing, the established submission fee will remain unchanged at 197 euros. The „Early Bird“ period, which runs until the end of February 2023, rewards early submission with reduced conditions (159 euros). Newcomers are excluded from the fee.

Several categories for the Award

The Erich Mendelsohn Award 2023 will be awarded in the following categories:

- Detached house/semi-detached house
- Residential building/apartment complex
- Office and commercial buildings
- Public buildings, recreation and sport

Additional awards will be presented for:

- Renovation/Sustainability/Energy efficiency

In addition, the prize for budding architects will be awarded for the fourth time:

- Newcomer Award



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Brick projects that have been completed after January 1st, 2018, can be submitted. Projects already submitted for the predecessor 2020 award may be resubmitted, provided they were completed after January 1st, 2018, and were not previously nominated. The composition of the internationally cast jury will be announced by mid-March, and the closing date for entries is April 30th, 2023. The award ceremony is scheduled for the fall of 2023 in Berlin.

Architects, who would like to be automatically informed about news on the Erich Mendelsohn Award 2023 for Brick Architecture, can subscribe to the „Brick Newsletter“ free of charge at www.erich-mendelsohn-preis.com/en. The „Brick Newsletter“ is available in German only. In addition, the Instagram and Facebook pages provide the latest news on the competition.

Well known Award, well known winners

The competition, which was first held in 2008 as Fritz Höger Award for Brick Architecture, takes place every three years and has been supported in partnership by the Association of German Architects (BDA) since 2011. Since 2023, it is operating under the name Erich Mendelsohn Award for Brick Architecture. Its great importance worldwide is underlined by the illustrious names of the award-winning planning offices in past rounds. The top class is formed by the outstanding Grand Prix projects such as the Siza Pavilion on the island of Hombroich (2014), the Bremer Landesbank designed by Caruso St John Architects (2017) or the two very different Grand Prix winners of 2020: the Musée Cantonal des Beaux-Arts in Lausanne by Barozzi Veiga and the Nakasone House in Mexico City by Escobedo Soliz.

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Caption variant 1: With a new look and a new name, the Award for Brick Architecture is entering its sixth round in 2023.

Caption variant 2: The detail of the hat factory in Luckenwalde shows Erich Mendelsohn's joy in experimenting with the material brick.

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Caption: Monumental architecture: A Grand Prix as part of the 2020 Award for Brick Architecture went to the Musée Cantonal des Beaux Arts in Lausanne designed by Barozzi Veiga.

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Caption: Another Grand Prix was awarded to the Nakasone House by Escobedo Soliz in Mexico City. It has great impact because of its simplicity.

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