

REPERTOIRE

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Celebrate the first anniversary of the renovated Perth Theatre with visuals from **Richard Murphy Architects** and works from our museum collection

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25 Years of Building for the Arts **Richard Murphy Architects** selected illustrations and scale models

It is 25 years since the first **Richard Murphy Architects project for the arts** – the renovation of the Fruitmarket Gallery in Edinburgh – re-opened in 1993. This and nine subsequent buildings are illustrated here in this exhibition at Threshold artspace with the most recent being the renovated **Perth Theatre** with its restored auditorium completed in November 2017.

The ten projects included in the **Repertoire** exhibition are of art galleries, art centres, theatres and museums with a lot of common threads running through them. Suffice to mention just two: the key role these arts buildings play in the urban regeneration of their cities or communities and the radical difference of us experiencing the arts buildings as meeting places to eat, drink and socialise while checking the current exhibitions, shows or gigs!

For **Richard Murphy Architects'** part, they 'have always tried to dissolve **the threshold** between the street and the artistic activities within it.' Just like the cafe at the Fruitmarket Gallery, the cafe and the artspace at Perth Theatre are deliberately placed on the street level to tempt visitors in. **Threshold artspace**, located at the street level of both Perth Theatre and Perth Concert Hall, proudly bears its name since 2005.

As with its most iconic arts buildings **Richard Murphy Architects** re-inhabits former industrial warehouses but in each they cut into their facades and re-imagine them with a new, inner facade, mapping the two layers over each other to express the new construction against the old. This is an idea influenced by **Richard Murphy's** academic research into the work of the Venetian architect **Carlo Scarpa** (1906-1978). In all of these projects, including **Perth Theatre**, **Richard Murphy Architects** respects the history of the arts building while making evident the story line of the changes with the contemporary taking an equal role to the historical.

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Bold contemporary art by Scottish and international artists in Perth since 2005

