



Royal Academy of Arts
Press Release

**The Royal Academy of Arts celebrates the career
of French architect Renée Gailhoustet
with 2022 RA Architecture Prize**

**Nominees announced for
£10,000 Royal Academy Dorfman Award**

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- **2022 Royal Academy Architecture Prize** awarded in recognition of Renée Gailhoustet's pioneering work as an architect designing public housing and neighbourhoods in and around Paris during a forty-year career that began in 1961.
- Four architects have been nominated for the £10,000 **2022 Royal Academy Dorfman Award**, which celebrates new ideas and practices that highlight the future potential of architecture. The nominated practices are **Apparata** (UK), **dot architects** (Japan), **Semillas** (Peru), and **Wallmakers** (India).
- The 2022 Royal Academy Architecture Prize and the 2022 Royal Academy Dorfman Award will be presented at a ceremony during **Royal Academy Architecture Awards Week, 12 – 16 September 2022**, a public celebration of architecture at the Royal Academy in London.
- The Royal Academy Architecture Prize is awarded to an individual or practice whose idea or body of work has made a positive contribution to the public and had a significant impact on society. The Royal Academy Dorfman Award was established to encourage and celebrate architects around the world whose work explores new ideas and ways of practising architecture. The Awards are generously supported by **The Dorfman Foundation**.

The Royal Academy has announced that the 2022 Royal Academy Architecture Prize will be awarded to **Renée Gailhoustet** to honour her extraordinary contribution to social housing in France and her inspirational approach to building communities and urban planning.

Farshid Moussavi RA, Chair of the 2022 Royal Academy Architecture Awards Jury, said:

“Renée Gailhoustet’s achievements reach far beyond what is produced as social or affordable housing anywhere today. Her work has a strong social commitment that brings together generosity, beauty, ecology, and inclusivity.

“This award highlights housing design as one of the most pressing and complex issues of our time by inviting the public to rediscover the work of one of the most committed and prolific practitioners of the 20th Century – an architect who pioneered a new approach to housing design, and was an early adopter of important principles such as generous public space and nature in the city.”

Born in Oran in French Algeria in 1929, Renée Gailhoustet enrolled in the École Nationale des Beaux-Arts de Paris, gaining her diploma in 1961. Gailhoustet founded her own firm by 1964 and went on to produce a succession of visionary public housing projects that includes such projects as La Maladrerie in Aubervilliers and Le Liégat in Ivry-sur-Seine, where she designed the master plan of the city centre and invited Jean Renaudie to develop the first built expression of his Étoiles apartment buildings.

The Royal Academy jury’s statement highlights Renée Gailhoustet’s “extraordinary contribution to social housing in France”, citing her impressive body of work that “consistently reflects her interest in realising architecture as a social and cultural practice.”

The statement goes on to say that “Gailhoustet’s buildings demonstrate a belief in social connections and an aspiration for structures and urban environments that are cohesive but underpinned by diversity. They integrate dwelling and nature at the heart of the city and champion collaboration in the design and urban development process.”

The Royal Academy has also announced four architecture practices nominated for the **Royal Academy Dorfman Award**. The Dorfman Award champions architecture from around the world that looks forward to the future of architecture and architectural practice. The winner will receive £10,000 prize money to support the development of their practice. The 2022 nominees are:

Apparata (UK)	http://www.apparata.ch/
dot architects (Japan)	https://dotarchitects.jp/
Semillas (Peru)	http://www.semillasperu.com/en/
Wallmakers (India)	https://www.wallmakers.org/

(Full biographical notes in media pack)

The Royal Academy Dorfman Award nominees will convene in London during **Royal Academy Architecture Awards Week, 12 – 16 September 2022**, a public celebration of architecture at the Royal Academy in London. Following a week of public events and private jury sessions, the winner will be announced at a prize-giving ceremony that will also mark the official investiture of Renée Gailhoustet as a Royal Academy Architecture Prize-winner.

Highlights of the week include:

- **Radical Generosity: Renée Gailhoustet and social housing**, a lecture by Farshid Moussavi RA on Tuesday 13 September, 6.30 – 8pm
- **Rethinking Spaces: a workshop with the RA Dorfman Award finalists** on Wednesday 14 September, 2 – 4.30pm
- **RA Architecture Awards Ceremony** on Thursday 15 September, 6.30 – 8pm

(Full programme in media pack)

Vicky Richardson, Head of Architecture and Heinz Curator at the Royal Academy said:

“The Royal Academy’s architecture awards programme draws on a global network of experts and enthusiasts to consider how architecture impacts the public, and to seek out exciting new talent. It is an opportunity for international dialogue and research, as much as a chance to celebrate excellence.

“Renée Gailhoustet and the four Dorfman nominees are all worthy recipients that fulfil this mission. On behalf of the Royal Academy and the Academicians, I’d like to offer thanks for the efforts of our nominators and jury, and the support and benevolence of The Dorfman Foundation.”

Sir Lloyd Dorfman CBE, Trustee of the Royal Academy Development Trust and Founding Partner of the Awards, said:

“We are delighted that the awards continue to attract worldwide interest and attention. Huge congratulations to Renée Gailhoustet for the RA Architecture Prize as well as the Dorfman nominees, who come from such a diverse range of countries - India, Japan, Peru and the UK. We are looking forward to being together in person again in September for Architecture Awards Week. As ever, we are inspired by the brilliance of the architects chosen by the RA for our Awards, which continue to spotlight talent all over the world.”

For over 250 years, the RA has existed to champion art and artists. The Royal Academy Architecture Prize and The Royal Academy Dorfman Award is an international programme that celebrates architecture’s relationship with the public and uncovers new talent. The Awards are generously supported by The Dorfman Foundation, a charitable foundation established by Sir Lloyd Dorfman CBE and his family.

The Royal Academy is where architecture intersects with the visual arts – a connection explored through the Architecture Programme, which encompasses a variety of events, new commissions and curated displays. From lectures by leading international architects and multidisciplinary panel events, to poetry readings and immersive musical experiences, the Programme consistently pushes boundaries and inspires fresh thinking.

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Notes To Editors

The 2022 Royal Academy Architecture Awards Jury:

- Farshid Moussavi RA (Chair).
- Farrokh Derakhshani, Director of the Aga Khan Award for Architecture
- Hisham Matar, Pulitzer Prize-winning author
- Cornelia Parker RA, Artist
- Zoë Ryan, Director of the Institute of Contemporary Art, University of Pennsylvania,
- Peter St John, Architect (Adam Caruso and Peter St John RA)

Available in a separate document contained within the Media Pack:

- Full citation by the Royal Academy Architecture Awards Jury for the recipient of the 2022 Royal Academy Architecture Prize winner, Renée Gailhoustet
- Biography of Renée Gailhoustet
Reproduced from The Frac Centre-Val de Loire, where Gailhoustet's archive is stored.
- Biographical information for each of the Nominees for the 2022 Royal Academy Dorfman Award
- Full programme for Royal Academy Architecture Awards Week, 12 – 16 September 2022

About the Royal Academy of Arts

The Royal Academy of Arts was founded by King George III in 1768. It has a unique position in being an independent, privately funded institution led by eminent artists and architects whose purpose is to be a clear, strong voice for art and artists. Its public programme promotes the creation, enjoyment and appreciation of the visual arts through exhibitions, education and debate. [Royalacademy.org.uk](https://royalacademy.org.uk)

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The Royal Academy Architecture Awards

Inaugurated in 2018, collectively the awards demonstrate the RA's role as a global advocate for architecture, realising the RA's mission to garner a wider appreciation and understanding of architecture's vital relationship to culture and society. The awards and dedicated spaces for architecture in Burlington Gardens have enhanced the existing architecture programme at the Royal Academy, which includes debates, lectures, displays and new commissions to inspire the profession and deepen the public's understanding of architecture.

Founding Partner: The Dorfman Foundation

The Dorfman Foundation is a charitable foundation based on the entrepreneurial success of its chair, Sir Lloyd Dorfman CBE. Founded in 2007, its main areas of focus are the arts and culture, education, healthcare and the Jewish community. The Foundation was a major donor to the Royal Academy for its 250th anniversary. As part of that, it was a founding partner of the RA Architecture Awards in 2018. Sir Lloyd serves as a Trustee of the Royal Academy Development Trust, and sits on the boards of four other charities.

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