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Q&A A candid interview with 84-year-old Jane Priestman – the first winner of the AJ's new Ada Louise Huxtable (pictured) Prize



O'DONNELL + TUOMEY STUDENT CENTRE IS SOLE UK CONTENDER FOR MIES AWARD

O'Donnell + Tuomey's Stirling Prize-shortlisted Saw Swee Hock Building is the only UK project named among the finalists for the biggest award in European architecture.

The five shortlisted schemes in the running for the biennial European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture were revealed in London on Wednesday. Also known as the Mies van der Rohe Award, it is widely recognised as the highest accolade in European architecture and features a £48,000 top prize.

The London School of Economics' student centre is up against BIG's Danish Maritime Museum, the Ravensburg Art Museum by Stuttgart-based

Lederer Ragnarsdóttir Oei, the Antinori Winery in Florence by local outfit Archea Associati, and Poland's Filharmonia Szczecinska by Barcelona-based Barozzi Veiga.

The schemes were chosen from a longlist of 20 projects, which included Niall McLaughlin Architects' Bishop Edward King Chapel and the 2014 Stirling Prize-winning Everyman Theatre by Haworth Tompkins.

The University of Limerick by Grafton Architects, which competed for the Stirling Prize in 2013, also made it onto the stellar European shortlist but missed out in the final cut.

The winner will be revealed at the Mies van der Rohe Pavilion in Barcelona on 8 May. *LM*

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