



Nissen Richards Studio Welsh music venue scheme submitted for planning

Cardiff grassroots music venue Clwb Ifor Bach has submitted ambitious expansion plans, designed by RIBA Award-winning architects Nissen Richards Studio, which will see its current site expanded and upgraded.

The new designs by Nissen Richards Studio seek to retain Clwb Ifor Bach's character, charm and heritage, while modernising and future-proofing it for future generations. They include the takeover of an adjacent derelict site on Cardiff's Womanby Street, where the venue is currently celebrating 40 years

of successful operation. Cardiff Council purchased the land adjoining the current venue and agreed to lease it to Clwb Ifor Bach in a bid to protect the city's live music heritage. The proposed revamped 1,270 sq m venue will include improved facilities, such as green rooms, increased toilet capacity, new bars, offices and workshops, plus increased capacity to allow for higher-profile acts.

'The old and new building exteriors will have different treatments to create a sense of "honest drama",' said Jim

Richards, director of Nissen Richards Studio. 'The existing building will feature a textured charcoal black render, whilst the new building will feature new, fired brickwork...[and] a faceted front, with a thin LED strip demarcating the two buildings to create an "active" frontage.'

Fundraising has been launched to support the redevelopment and the venue now has 18 months to raise the monies needed to turn its ambitions into reality.

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Entries open for Design Guild Mark Awards 2024

The Design Guild Mark has opened entries for the 2024 awards, inviting designers and companies to submit entries for three categories: Furniture, Lighting and Interior Design Elements. Entry is open to British designers working in the UK or abroad, and designers with UK-based design practices.

Submissions can be for individual or a collection of products that are currently in production that are designed for, and manufactured by, an industrial design process. Designs can be for domestic, office, hospitality, educational or corporate use, either for both interior and exterior environments.

Designers and companies have until 24 November 2023 to submit an entry to meet the early bird deadline and until 19 January 2024 for the final deadline.

The Design Guild Mark is a non-profit award programme, established in 2008 by The Furniture Makers' Company to raise the profile of British industrial design and to recognise excellence within the discipline.

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Oshinowo Studio designs Adidas's first West African flagship

Lagos-based architecture practice Oshinowo Studio (formerly cmDesign Atelier) has designed sports and streetwear label Adidas's first West African flagship store in Lagos, Nigeria.

Located in the sought-after Victoria Island area, Oshinowo Studio's design draws inspiration from Lagos itself, the home of urban culture in Nigeria and

centre of creativity. The two-floor, 380 sq m project is a retrofit of an existing 1970s building and is conceived as a combination of clean lines overlaid with a facade that adds texture, with the design reflecting the depth and complexity of the upcycling, reuse and regeneration that can be found throughout the city.

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