Richard Rogers is one of the most prestigious architects in the world today. With an astounding list of awards, he has sculpted our notions of what architecture is. Richard was born on July 23, 1933 in the town Florence, Italy. He then proceeded to attend the Architectural Association School of Architecture in London, before graduating from Yale with his masters in architecture in 1959. During his time at Yale, he met a fellow student by the name of Norman Foster. After graduating they returned to England and quickly set up the architectural practice known as Team 4. Team 4 was comprised of Richard Rogers, Norman Foster, Su Rogers, and Wendy Cheesman, and was instantly recognized as a high-tech industrial design firm. Unfortunately in 1967 the practice split up and each went their separate ways. In 1971, Rogers teamed up with fellow architect Renzo Piano for what turned out to be one of the most well known buildings in England, the Pompidou Centre. This was the building that defined the great beginning of Richard Rogers’s career, and established his unique style. In 1977 he created his own firm, Richard Rogers and Partnership. It has now grown to over 140 staff members with 30 principles and 4 locations globally; including offices in London, Barcelona, Madrid, and Tokyo.

Awards and Honors Recieved: AA Dipl, M Arch (Yale), RIBA, RA (Hon), FAIA (Hon), Dr RCA (Hon), BDA (Hon)
DESIGN PHILOSOPHY/ THEORY

CITY AND CONTEXT:

“Sustainable urban development is dependent on three factors; the quality of architecture, social well-being and environmental responsibility. The compact sustainable city is multi-cultural with a hierarchy of density, has a mix of uses and tenures, is well connected with a coherent public transport, walking and cycling infrastructure, is well designed both in terms of public spaces and building, and is environmentally responsive.”

PUBLIC DOMAIN:

“It is the celebration of public space, and the encouragement of public activities that drives the form of the practice's buildings. It is the building's scale and relationship with the street or square that helps to encourage public activity and create a people-friendly environment.”

LEGIBILITY:

“Work, leisure and domestic activities are becoming interchangeable, leading to the creation of open-ended, flexible structures such as the Pompidou Centre, the Wimbledon House, 88 Wood Street, and Barajas Airport in Madrid. These buildings, with their legible facades and logical form, relate directly to both the user and passers-by. Buildings such as these make legible the historic forces of the time: how they are constructed, their relationship with their context, and what they are used for, and in doing so, bring a new dimension to the way people interact with the built environment.”

FLEXIBILITY:

“Our masterplans are defined by an holistic approach allowing for enough flexibility to accommodate changes over the lifespan of a city, in order to meet market demands. The practicalities and concept of a public place should be inherently flexible in order to respond to changes such as transport and density.”

ENERGY:

“Richard Rogers Partnership employ an holistic approach to the physical form of each building, from the massing, orientation, and the arrangement of its constituent parts, in order to ensure a responsible approach to the buildings' overall environmental performance.”

TEAM:

“Richard Rogers Partnership believes that a strong social vision is the driving force behind a happy and productive workforce, which is critical for the development of a sustainable civil society. With this in mind the practice has produced a constitution that enshrines ideas about community, teamwork, equity, collaboration and social responsibility.”
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