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COMPETITION FINALIST 1993

## CARDIFF BAY OPERA HOUSE COMPETITION FINALIST WHILST STUDENTS, THE FOUNDERS OF SOFTROOM, WERE SHORTLISTED IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR THE DESIGN OF A NEW OPERA HOUSE FOR THE WELSH CAPITAL.

FROM 270 ENTRIES, THIS PROPOSAL, DESIGNED WITH FELLOW STUDENT GARY FELL, WAS ONE OF EIGHT SHORTLISTED, ALONGSIDE SCHEMES BY MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ARCHITECTS INCLUDING MARIO BOTTA, SIR NORMAN FOSTER, ZAHA HADID, ITSUKO HASEGAWA AND REM KOOLHAAS.

THE OPERA HOUSE BECOMES THE CONCLUSION TO A GRAND BOULEVARD FROM THE CITY CENTRE, FRAMING THE DOCK BASIN WITHIN A NEW PUBLIC SQUARE. THE BUILDING HAS A TRIANGULAR PLAN, THE AUDITORIUM AS FOCAL POINT, WITH THE FOYER SPACES LINKING IT WITH A PIAZZA.