



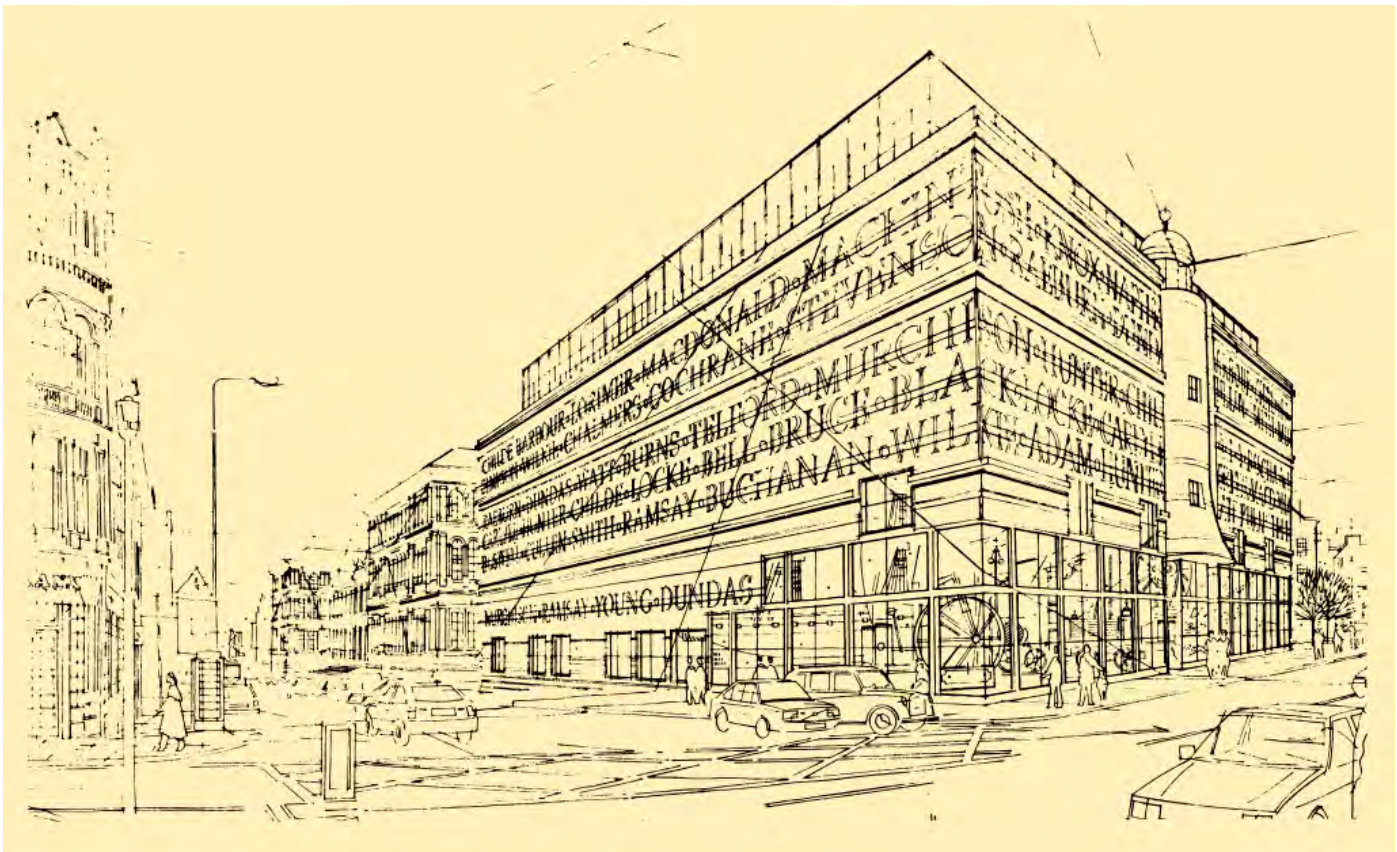
**COMPETITION FOR AN ADDITION
TO THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF
SCOTLAND**

Architects: Venturi, Scott Brown and Associates, Inc.

Location: Edinburgh, Scotland

Completion: 1991

VSBA's solution projects a continuation of the original building's large-scale atrium axis while connecting all exhibition levels with a monumental stair. This main axis ends on a cross-axis along a street with a double-height exhibition space containing huge exhibits visible from that street. Like other museums in which wall space is more important than windows, most of the National Museum's exterior facades are articulated by large-scale incised graphics -- here depicting the names of famous Scots. On the side elevation, there is also the graphic/symbolic image of a lighthouse.



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