WINNING COMPETITION DESIGN FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE STEDELIJK MUSEUM

Location: Amsterdam, Netherlands
Client: The Stedelijk Museum
Completion: 1992

In our design for the Stedelijk Museum’s extension we strove to:

- acknowledge the Museum as an important place in the worlds of both art and architecture
- acknowledge the urban neighborhood as context and basis for the design of this building, letting each side of the building relate to the environment adjacent to it
- create architectural harmony between old and the new through the design of elements both analogous to and contrasting with the old; for instance, the brick and the masonry trim of the new building match the materials and colors of the old but its patterns are in some ways analogous to and in other ways contrasting with the old
- acknowledge the civic function of receiving people, accomplished in our design via the welcoming and gala great hall
- design support spaces that work within the hierarchy of the complex and the extensive and varied activities typical of museums today.

The Stedelijk Museum