

TINTAGEL CASTLE: BRIDGE DESIGN COMPETITION SHORTLIST ANNOUNCED



BELGIAN, FRENCH AND UK TEAMS CHOSEN TO CREATE CONCEPT DESIGNS

English Heritage announced today [September 3, 2015] the six finalist teams who will proceed to the second stage of the Tintagel Castle: Bridge Design Competition.

The teams are led by architects or engineers and are (in alphabetical order with lead consultant first):

- Dietmar Feichtinger Architectes with Terrell (France)
- Marks Barfield Architects with Flint and Neill (UK)
- Ney & Partners Civil Engineers with William Matthews Associates, Ettwein Bridges and Waagner Biro (Belgium)
- Niall McLaughlin Architects with Price and Myers, and Max Fordham (UK)
- RFR and Jean-François Bassel Architecte, with Engineers HRW, and WSP (France)
- WilkinsonEyre with Atelier One (UK)



The decision of the selection panel – which included representatives of the jury, English Heritage and competition organizers, Malcolm Reading Consultants – was unanimous. Graham Morrison, chair of the jury and founding partner, Allies and Morrison said:

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The competition's first stage attracted high-level interest from around the world and we were delighted with the response. In choosing the shortlist we looked for designers likely to produce a range of imaginative ways of making a beautiful and economic structure that is right for this very particular setting.

The list comprises some fascinating collaborations of architects and engineers, a mix of great talent and experience.

Refreshingly, bridge designers show a passion and enthusiasm that assembles straightforward and confident thinking with inspirations that are unique and sometimes unexpected.

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An open day for the finalists will be held in September and the teams will have until 20 November to produce their concept designs. The new circa £4m bridge will be 28 metres higher than the current crossing and will span 72 metres, offering exhilarating views across Tintagel, the surrounding coastline, and the Atlantic seascapes.

The brief asks finalists to design a beautiful, structurally-elegant bridge which will be in harmony with the exceptional setting; Tintagel Castle being a Scheduled Ancient Monument lying within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

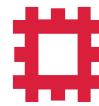
English Heritage plans to reveal the concept designs to the public in an exhibition to be held in December.

The jury interviews take place in January 2016, with the winner announcement expected in late January/early February. Please see the competition's dedicated website for further updates: <https://competitions.malcolmreading.co.uk/tintagel>



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At the competition's first stage, 137 applications were received from 27 different countries, including the United States, Russia, India, Japan, South Africa and Chile, with UK-based practices producing 60 per cent of responses.

One of the most spectacular historic sites within English Heritage's care and inextricably linked to the legend of King Arthur, Tintagel Castle in north Cornwall has been prized throughout history for its elemental beauty and spirit of place. Today the remains of the 13th century settlement can be seen on both the mainland and jagged headland projecting into the sea, but Tintagel's divided landscapes were once united by a narrow strip of land.

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Notes for editors:

- **Tintagel Castle: Bridge Design Competition**

The competition has been advertised in the Official Journal of the European Union. For full details of the process and biographies of the jury please visit the microsite:

<https://competitions.malcolmreading.co.uk/tintagel>

- **Shortlisted teams' media statements**

Dietmar Feichtinger Architectes with Terrell (France)

Dietmar Feichtinger established his firm in Paris in 1993 and operates mainly in Europe. DFA has built a strong reputation for its inventive structures and its investigative approach to design. Its work links both architecture and engineering whilst exploring the dynamic between these two disciplines. In a constant strive, DFA is looking for integrating environmental and sustainable development, in an elegant and sensitive architecture that is respectful of nature and humans. Dietmar Feichtinger is internationally honored with architecture awards and publications for excellence in design.

The Terrell Group is one of France's leading building engineering consultancies, with offices in Paris, the UK, Russia and the Middle East. Terrell offers its expertise in all major aspects of building engineering, from Structural to MEP and Façade disciplines, and has gained national and international renown working with leading architects while retaining a concentrated allegiance to their clients' core requirements.

www.feichtingerarchitectes.com



Marks Barfield Architects with Flint and Neill (UK)

Marks Barfield is one of the UK's leading medium-sized architectural firms with a reputation for innovative design. It has won more than 60 awards for design, innovation and sustainability and is the team behind the creation of the London Eye and the Brighton i360. The firm's design portfolio includes arts and culture, sports and leisure, education, housing, bridges and transport.

They have partnered with Flint & Neill, an award-winning leading Consulting Civil and Structural Engineers who provide innovative and advanced solutions to a variety of engineering challenges worldwide. They specialise in the design, analysis, construction and maintenance of bridges, tunnels, buildings, towers and other structures. Their portfolio includes the Bridge of Aspiration in London's Covent Garden, as well as the exotic concrete shells of the Baha'i in New Delhi.

<http://www.marksbarfield.com>

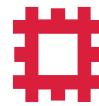
Ney & Partners Civil Engineers with William Matthews Associates, Ettwein Bridges and Waagner Biro (Belgium)

Ney & Partners and William Matthews Associates are delighted to be selected for the short-list of the Tintagel Castle Bridge Design Competition.

As a renowned engineering firm and emerging architectural practice respectively we believe that the experience and quality of our team makes us ideally suited to deliver a world-class design that will respond to the requirements, concerns and ambitions of the client, site and general public who visit Tintagel to learn, enjoy and be inspired.

As a team we are not bound by preconceptions or dogma. In the portfolios of each practice the range of projects is wide but all are driven by a strong relationship to context and by the poetic value of design, engineering and architecture. We feel these qualities are essential for designing an appropriate and successful bridge at Tintagel.

<http://wwwNEY.be/>



Niall McLaughlin Architects with Price and Myers, and Max Fordham (UK)

Niall McLaughlin Architects is a practice that designs high quality modern architecture. We put a strong emphasis on the inventive use of building materials, the qualities of light and the relationship between the building and its surroundings.

We consider these issues to be more important than working in a particular style and hope that each project will be an original interpretation of the client, site, brief and budget.

Niall McLaughlin Architects, Price and Myers, and Max Fordham have been working successfully together for a number of years on a variety of award winning projects including Temple Quay Pedestrian Bridge, the Cafe and Bar at Deal Pier, Stirling Prize shortlist Bishop Edward King Chapel, and The Fishing Hut. Together we have the experience of working on English Heritage sites, sites that are of historical or architectural importance, and work on existing Grade I and II listed buildings and within different landscapes.

www.niallmclaughlin.com

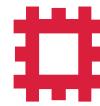
RFR and Jean-François Bassel Architecte with Engineers HRW, and WSP (France)

Jean-François Bassel, a Paris-based architect, has a keen interest in the design and integration of public infrastructure within its environment. He has cultivated his expertise in bridge design on road and footbridges for complex sites in France, the Middle and Far East, and North America for more than 15 years.

Jean-François Bassel designs structures with a goal of simplicity of function and purity of structural principles, resulting in efficiency in construction. Bridges can thereby go beyond their primary function of connecting locations to become architectural compliments to the landscape.

Bassel is supported by the award-winning, Paris-based engineering firm, RFR, who has designed high quality structures for unique locations around the world. The team will be completed by Engineer HRW, a UK-based practice with a refined aesthetic approach to structural engineering, and WSP environment, who will provide key support in minimizing environmental impact and managing English Heritage issues and community outreach.

www.rfr-group.com



WilkinsonEyre with Atelier One (UK)

WilkinsonEyre, twice winners of the both the prestigious RIBA Stirling Prize and the RIBA Lubetkin Prize, is one of the world's leading architecture practices. Since its inception in 1983, it has built a portfolio of bold, beautiful, intelligent architecture across a diverse range of market sectors.

We have formed a team benefiting from the strength of our award-winning bridge team, and Atelier One, with whom we have worked on many occasions, always resulting in innovative, inventive and beautiful design solutions that are highly contextual responses to their respective briefs and requirements. Atelier One has built a world-class reputation for ingenuity and innovation in the field of structural engineering. For at least two decades, the practice has developed a wealth of experience and expertise, which enables them to complete a broad range of challenging projects to very exacting schedules.

www.wilkinsoneyre.com

- **Tintagel Castle**

Dramatically situated on a windswept Cornish headland, Tintagel Castle is one of the most spectacular historic sites in Britain. It is also one of the most legendary, linked with the tales of King Arthur since the Middle Ages. The remains of the 13th-century castle, built in the 1230s and 1240s by Richard, earl of Cornwall, brother of Henry III, stand among the remains of a much earlier and more extensive settlement dating from the fifth to seventh centuries.

<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/tintagel-castle/>

- **English Heritage**

English Heritage cares for over 400 historic monuments, buildings and sites – from world famous prehistoric sites to grand medieval castles, from Roman forts on the edges of empire to Cold War bunkers. Through these, it brings the story of England to life for over 10 million visitors each year.

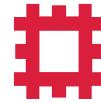
With English Heritage's new freedom as a charity, its ability to engage with millions of people is now greatly strengthened. A major programme of investment in its properties is under way and a priority is to deliver inspirational projects of the highest quality that capture the public's imagination.

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- **Malcolm Reading Consultants**

London-based Malcolm Reading Consultants (MRC) is a strategic architectural consultancy which specialises in the selection of contemporary designers. MRC believes in the power of design to create new perceptions and act as an inspiration – either at the local level, or internationally. Recent international and invited design competitions include those for the Art Mill, Qatar; Gallaudet University, Washington D.C., USA; the Guggenheim Helsinki, Finland; the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park's Culture & Education Quarter, UK; the Mumbai City Museum, India; the Natural History Museum, UK; the UK Pavilion at Milan Expo 2015, Italy; New College, Oxford, UK; the Cadogan Estate, London, UK; Marlborough College, Marlborough, UK.

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