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## Exhibition provides photographic proof that public buildings can be inspirational, not institutional

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To celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Better Public Building Award, a photography exhibition hosted by CABE (Commission for Architecture & the Built Environment) during Architecture Week showcases some of Britain's best public buildings, spaces and even roads.

Shot by fashion photographer, Michele Turriani, **Public & Prized** invites the general public to take a photo-tour around a selection of the projects recognised during five years of the Prime Minister's Better Public Building Award.

The exhibition is not just about architecture. The award is the only design accolade that looks at the usability and functionality of a building. Reflecting this, Michele Turriani's work illustrates that public buildings and spaces are for the public. The photographs focus on the people that use our libraries, schools, hospitals, art galleries and museums everyday. Visit the exhibition, as it could be you in the picture.

**The exhibition opens at a central London gallery (17 June 2005) after which it is due to tour around the UK.**

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### Notes to Editors

- **Public & Prized:** Friday 17-Sunday 26 June. Sat, Sun 10am – 5.30pm. Mon-Fri 12 - 5.30pm. Elms Lesters Painting Rooms, 1-5 Flitcroft Street, London WC2H 8DN. Tottenham Court Road Tube. T: 020 7836 6747 [www.betterpublicbuilding.org.uk](http://www.betterpublicbuilding.org.uk)
- Michele Turriani trained in Italy as a graphic designer and art director. His photographic work includes advertising, fashion, music, publishing and editorial. Rarely architecture. [www.micheleturriani.com](http://www.micheleturriani.com)
- For press information or high-resolution images contact Dominique Owen at CABE on 020 7960 2470 or [dowen@cabe.org.uk](mailto:dowen@cabe.org.uk)
- The exhibition features the following buildings:
  - Tate Modern, London – Winner 2001
  - City Learning Centre, Bristol – Winner 2002
  - Millennium Bridge, Gateshead – Shortlisted 2002
  - Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital, Norwich – Shortlisted 2002
  - Bournemouth Library, Bournemouth – Winner 2003
  - Piccadilly Gardens, Manchester – Shortlisted 2003
  - Laban Dance Centre, London – Shortlisted 2003
  - City of Manchester Stadium, Manchester – Shortlisted 2003
  - National Maritime Museum, Falmouth – Shortlisted 2003
  - Cowgate Under 5's Centre, Edinburgh – Shortlisted 2003
  - Bingley Relief Road, Yorkshire – Winner 2004
  - Raines Court, London (Housing) – Shortlisted 2004
- Celebrating excellence in both design quality and procurement practices, the Better Public Building award is made annually to new projects commissioned by central or local government and paid mainly with public funds. The Award is jointly sponsored by the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE) and the

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Office of Government Commerce (OGC). **The shortlist for the 2005 Prime Minister's Award for Better Public Building will be announced on Thursday 16 June 2005. The winner will be announced on Thursday 13 October 2005.**

- The Office of Government Commerce (OGC) is an office of HM Treasury which works with central civil Government as a catalyst to achieve best value for money in commercial activities. Design quality is a key element of OGC's Achieving Excellence in Construction initiative, which aims to make the central Government sector a more efficient client of the construction industry
- CABE champions the creation of great buildings and public spaces. It is a non-departmental public body set up by the Government in 1999. Through public campaigns and support to professionals, CABE encourages the development of well-designed homes, streets, parks, offices, schools, hospitals and other public buildings - [www.cabe.org.uk](http://www.cabe.org.uk)