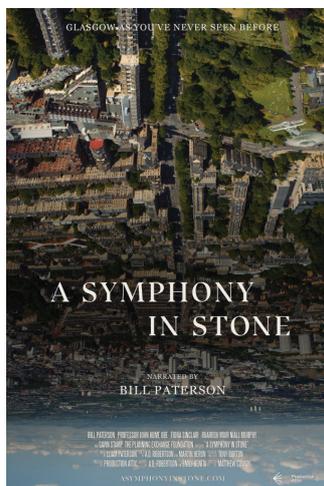




218th Lecture Series 7.30pm - 27 November 2019



A Symphony in Stone

A Symphony in Stone is a 60 minute documentary which celebrates Glasgow's stunning cityscape and architecture. It explains how the city's phenomenal growth and the creation of wealth from trade and the industrial revolution, making Glasgow the second city of the British Empire, brought about innovation in planning, architecture and design the like of which is not found anywhere else in the UK.

Interviews with key experts, aerial photography and archive footage are used to explore the work of well-known architects such as Alexander 'Greek' Thomson, Charles Wilson, JJ Burnett and Charles Rennie Mackintosh in the construction of Victorian and Edwardian Glasgow.

The film makes excellent use of Glasgow talent: the work of a young, innovative company, Production Attic; Bill Paterson provides the linking narrative; the music was specially composed by Liam Paterson, Scottish Opera's composer in residence and is performed by members of the Opera's orchestra. Gavin Stamp, the renowned architectural historian and journalist, makes his final contribution in the film.

Whilst acknowledging slavery and the tobacco and sugar trades as a prime source of Glasgow's wealth, the film is in essence a celebration of the city's unique townscape and architecture, as well as its significant influence as part of a design revolution across Europe. There is a three-minute introduction available by actor Bill Paterson. Tony Burton, Director of the Planning Exchange Foundation, produced the film.

There will be a 30 minute Q@A session after the screening with Tony Burton and Fiona Sinclair, architect.

LINKS

<http://www.asymphonyinstone.com/>

**All lectures take place in Lecture Theatre K3.25, John Anderson Building,
University of Strathclyde, Rottenrow East, Glasgow G4 0NG.**

Non-members welcome

The John Anderson Building is in the pedestrianised area between Rottenrow and Rottenrow East. Free car parking is available behind the building. From High Street enter Rottenrow East at the Barony.

Refreshments will be served at 9.00pm.