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"A building becomes architecture when the design is carried out artistically. A context- and culture-based design is not an end but a start. A construction-orientated design brings all disciplines together, writing the poetry of the built-environment for its users and for the context where it sits in."

Yan graduated with honourable mention from the Faculty of Architecture at the Delft University of Technology in 2010 as an architect and has been working at Mecanoo ever since. She has contributed to a diverse range of projects and competitions across various countries in Europe, the Middle East and East Asia. Yan's primary focus at work is on designing complex cultural projects, including libraries, museums, theatres, schools and renovations. She has worked on several projects and competition entries including the Longgang Cultural Centre in Shenzhen, China, the Macau Central Library, China and the Natural History Museum Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates. Her extensive experience in this field has equipped her with the skills and knowledge necessary to successfully navigate the unique challenges and requirements of such projects.

Yan is committed to working closely with clients and consultants to ensure a cohesive and integrated design that upholds the design concept. Yan is well-versed in all design phases and is dedicated to creating functional, user-friendly, and visually compelling spaces that meet the needs of diverse communities. With a creative and hands-on approach, she skillfully transforms concepts into built environments.

Selected projects



Natural History Museum Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Size: 35,000 m²
Year: 2022 - 2025



Macau Central Library, China

Size: 15,000 m²
Year: 2020 - 2025



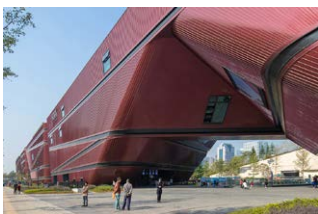
Jorismavo Secondary School, Nijmegen, NL

Size: 2,300 m²
Year: 2017 - 2020



Het Rijks Vocational School, Nijmegen, NL

Size: 8,100 m²
Year: 2017 - 2020



Longgang Cultural Centre, Shenzhen, China

Size: 99,000 m²
Year: 2012 - 2019



Futian Civic Cultural Centre, Shenzhen, China

Size: 93,000 m²
Year: 2018



Shenzhen North Station Urban Design, Shenzhen, China

Size: 1.36 million m²
Year: 2017



Library of Birmingham integrated with the REP Theatre, Birmingham, UK

Size: 31,000 m²
Year: 2008- 2013