

YAYA 2007

# Young, gifted and bright:

Twenty practices have made the next round of this year's Young Architect of the Year Award, of which the judges will interview five before the winner is announced next month. **Amanda Baillieu** explains the projects that caught the judges' eye, while on page 16, **Ellis Woodman** looks at the stellar careers of past Yaya winners

## MITCHELL TAYLOR WORKSHOP

**Location** Bath

**Principals** Piers Taylor, Rob Mitchell and Kris Eley

**Setup date** 2005

**Practice size** 10

**Philosophy** "Our working methods are based around collective discussion, and our central ethos is that our work should engage with, and be informed by, its context."

Room 13 is an RIBA award-winning art studio for students in Hareclive Primary School in Hartcliffe, Bristol. The building juts out of the school playground, while internally the towers flood the space with light and provide vertical space for art projects. All surfaces are raw and fair-faced, and will gradually patinate with time.

The practice's design for social housing in Bracknell, Berkshire, (on site, 2008) challenges the normal housing association standards and rules. Houses share and address a "safe" raised courtyard while facing the wider neighbourhood with active frontages.



From left: Rob Mitchell, Piers Taylor and Kris Eley.



Social housing in Bracknell.



Room 13, Bristol.