

Yvonne Farrell 2021 Laureates Anne Lacaton and Jean-Philippe Vassal Ceremony Tribute

As we stand here, in the beautiful spaces in Merrion Square, Dublin, in the Irish Architectural Archive, with tall ceilings and beautiful natural light, we congratulate Anne and Jean-Philippe on being honored by this wonderful Award.

It is important for the world to know that people like you exist. It is important for us.

It is your philosophical positions, your highly intelligent understanding of situations, and your seemingly modest solutions, that make you leaders.

Your architectural strategies are both delicate and robust, which help us see solutions that are inventive, that lead to renewed ways of thinking, to renewed ways of making.

Your work is both first-principled and highly principled.

You speak of stretching social and spatial opportunities.

You believe that architecture can be poetic and joyful, beyond the functional that it triggers pleasure and imagination.

You both play an important role in the professional and teaching world of Architecture.

Your work challenges us all to rethink.

I am absolutely delighted that you have been chosen as the 2021 Pritzker Prize Laureates!

Anne and Jean-Philippe, this Award is truly merited.

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