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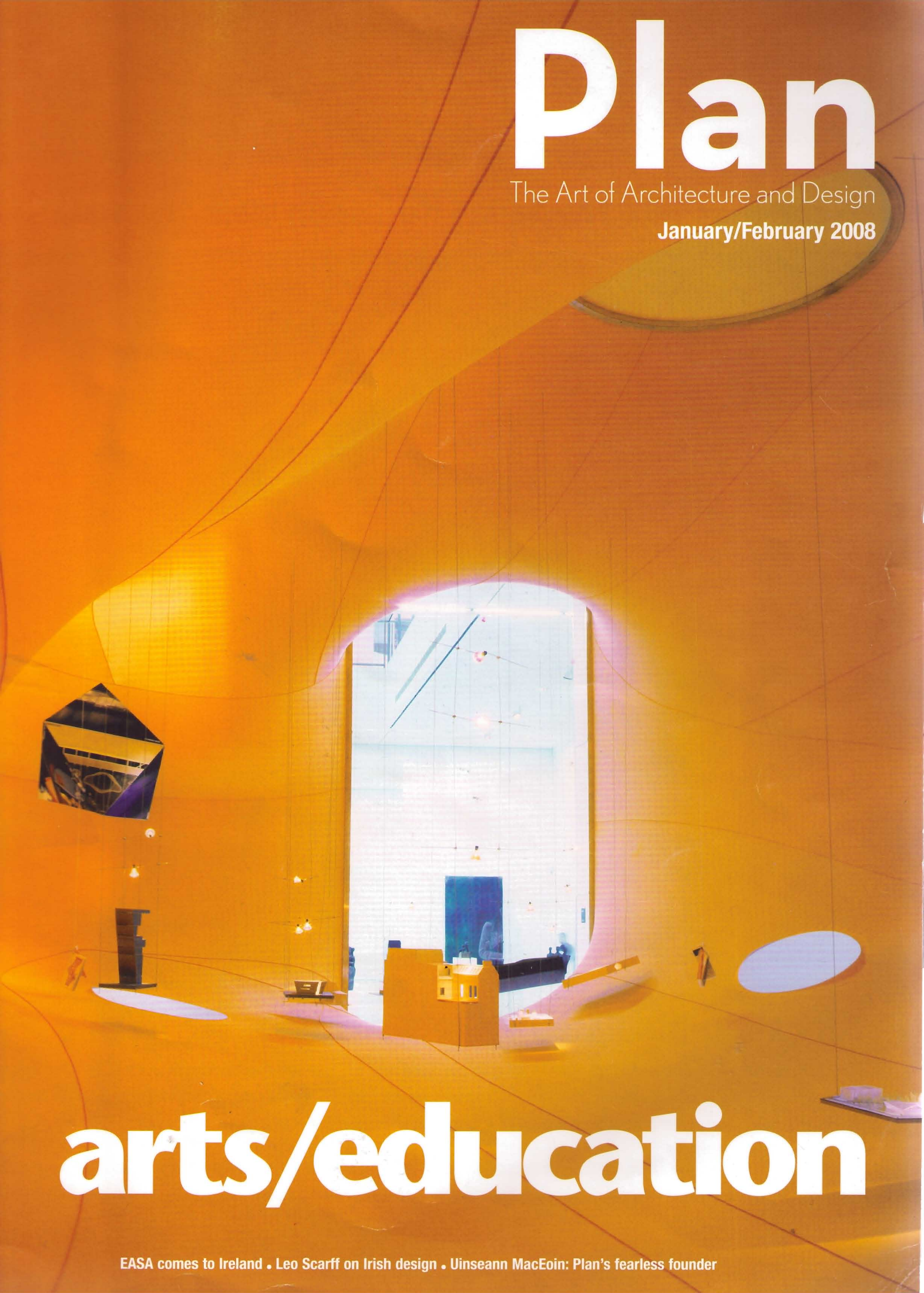

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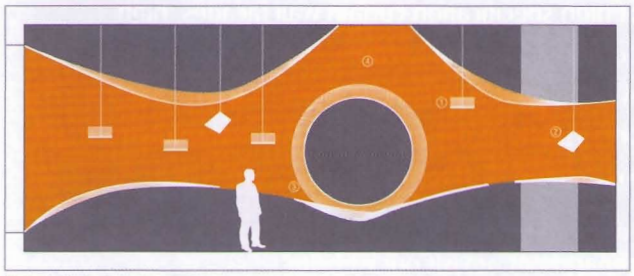
im kopf, Berlin

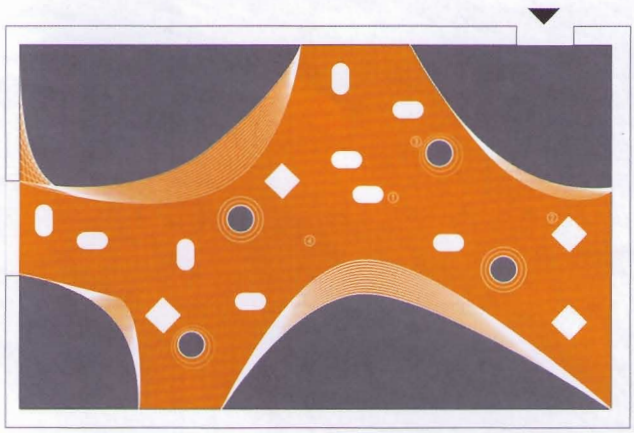
Architect: magma architecture
Structural Engineer: Happold Ingenieurbüro GmbH
Construction: Ellermann GmbH

Brief: The "jetzt | now" series in the Berlinische Galerie, Berlin's contemporary art gallery, features artistic genres which have not been shown in the museum before. Magma's "head-in | im kopf" is the musuem's only architectural piece in this series. The centrepiece is an amorphous spatial sculpture, custom tailored for the 150 sq m temporary exhibition space. It is made of spandex which spans the four walls and ceiling of the exhibition space and it hangs above the floor. Aluminium frames are used to fix the fabric to the walls and ceiling. Visitors to the exhibition can poke their heads through the fabric and are surrounded by the organic space. Inside the suspended room models, drawings and photographs are displayed, including the designs for the revitalisation of the former GDR Radio Centre in Berlin, the new Nexus Productions headquarters in London and the pPod mobile theatre. Through carefully orchestrated geometries the space is transformed into a vibrant and dynamic environment, revealing a spatial phenomenon not normally achieved in architecture or interior design.



Vertical Section

① Architectural models
② Drawing and photograph chrystals
③ Aluminium ring at back wall
④ Orange spatial sculpture



Horizontal Section

① Architectural models
② Drawing and photograph chrystals
③ Openings for visitors
④ Orange spatial sculpture