

## Derby is set to fly the flag for Britain at the EMYAs

The Museum of Making at Derby Silk Mill threw open its doors to visitors once again at the end of January, after winter flooding forced its closure for three months.

Adding to those celebrations, the Derby Museums team was also able to announce that the multi award-winning museum had just been nominated for the prestigious [European Museum of the Year Award 2024](#) (EMYA).

The shortlist is comprised of just fifty museums across Europe and includes only two other museums located in the UK, The Burrell Collection in Glasgow, and the Museum of the Home in London.

The EMYA was founded in 1977 and represents the best in innovation and excellence, in new or redeveloped museums, with the aim of recognising and developing the quality of the European museum scene.

The £18m Museum of Making, which was shortlisted down to the last five for the 2022 Art Fund Museum of the Year prize - and has also scooped three architecture awards - stands on the banks of the River Derwent, on the site of the world's first factory, within a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The winners of the EMYA awards 2024 will be announced during the Annual Conference of the European Museum Forum, which will take place at Portimão Museum, Portugal, in May.

The city's next major development will be Becketwell (<https://becketwell.co.uk>), one of the most comprehensive city centre regeneration schemes to have ever taken place within the city centre. It includes a new 3,500 capacity performance and conference venue, that will be managed by world-leading venue operator ASM Global, which will open in 2025. It will then be followed by future planned phases that include residential and a new city centre hotel.

For further details about Derby, visit <https://www.visitderby.co.uk>.

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