

Bijlmer Station wins architectural award

The architects of [ARCADIS](#) and [Grimshaw](#) have recently won the BNA 'Building of the year 2008' architectural award for their work on the Amsterdam Bijlmer ArenA station. The award is an initiative of the Dutch Architects Association.

The jury was extremely impressed with this station. "This outstanding station building with its unparalleled appearance and its natural location is unique in the Netherlands. The heroic building is a model of workmanship. On top of this, it is a marvel of openness and far surpasses its function as public transport junction," according to the jury. There were 25 nominees for this prestigious award.



During the award ceremony the winner was congratulated with the award by Minister Ronald Plasterk (Education, Culture & Science) through a special video message. The Minister called Bijlmer ArenA Station "a modern classic, of which we will still be proud a hundred years from now." About the Amsterdam City Council and Prorail, who commissioned the building: "You do not only need inspired architects, but also clients who set high standards."

The Amsterdam Bijlmer ArenA station was inaugurated at the end of 2007 by princess Maxima. The design work already started in 1997. After the clients approved the draft design, the architects created this exceptional station building in cooperation with the technical engineers of ARCADIS. The station has been built together with contractor Besix Netherlands and Buyck Steel Construction.

The station is used by up to 60,000 passengers a day, with peaks of 25,000 passenger in an hour and a half when Ajax plays a game. Bolidt has fitted the entire station with the [Boliqrip](#) wearing course.

