



Warsaw is counting down the days to its Jazz in the Old Town festival, which is set to draw international stars such as virtuoso drummer Marilyn Mazur and tens of thousands of fans



Polish Student Wins Architectural Award

■ A student from the Warsaw University of Technology has won an international competition for young architects and urban designers in Central and Eastern Europe.

Tomasz Galik, 27, beat 14 other students to win the 6,000-euro main prize in the Architectural Academic Awards 2008 contest held at the Real Vienna trade fair May 27-29. An international jury chose the winner, while participants and visitors to the trade fair had a chance to see the students' work on show.

The competition, the fourth of its kind, was organized by Investment Environments (INVI), a Polish-based international design and development company, with the aim of giving students a chance to show off and develop their talents.

Students involved in the competition traveled to Vienna from Poland, Lithuania, Belarus, Ukraine, Russia, Hungary, Turkey, Germany, Serbia, Bulgaria, Slovenia and Croatia.

The theme of this year's competition was "Authenticity of the Central European City."

Guy Perry, president and founder of INVI, said, "The objective of this competition is to show how a new generation of architects and urban designers see the future of their cities... Less as a replica of the trends on Western markets—often the financial vehicle of large developments—and more of a local cultural assertion, which I believe to be ultimately more economically sustainable as well."