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NATURAL RHYTHMS

Japanese architect Sou Fujimoto has completed a major new concert hall and gallery in Budapest with nature in mind. Located in City Park, House of Music is sheltered beneath a circular canopy that is punctured by large holes to create space for the trees to grow through, and its underside features a pattern of 30,000 geometric golden leaves. Set to become a new cultural landmark for the Hungarian capital, it will host live concerts and exhibitions exploring the history of music over the past 2,000 years (magyarzenehaza.com).

POWER OF PLAY In 1968, modernist architect Lina Bo Bardi unveiled a design for a fantastical playground to be built outside her most famous building, the São Paulo Museum of Art (MASP). More than 50 years later, Turner Prize-winning architecture collective Assemble is installing two of Bo Bardi's play sculptures here in the UK, along with a third designed with local children. These sculptures will encourage visitors to lose their inhibitions at Nottingham Contemporary. Assemble + Schools of Tomorrow is open from 7 May – 4 September (nottinghamcontemporary.org).



Seaside story

Up-and-coming architecture studio IF_DO has captured the spirit of a beach holiday in its six-bedroom family retreat in Thorpeness, Suffolk. On sunny days, three sets of full-height glass doors can open up to connect living spaces on both floors with the garden and balcony terraces. On rainy days, it's just as bright, thanks to pale brick, natural oak and stone gabions, which are cages filled with stones often used as a sea defense (ifdo.co).

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COLOUR CLASH

Red and green should never be seen, unless you're David Kohn Architects, whose country house design in Dorset combines these colours to dazzling effect. Red House has bright brickwork that runs both horizontally and vertically for a multilayered graphic feel, with acid green applied to porthole-style windows and drainpipes. The artful building is filled with equally characterful furniture (davidkohn.co.uk).

