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Jonathan Speirs was born in Scotland in 1958. He trained as an architect and developed a passion for working with light from early in his career as an architect.

He co-founded Lighting Design Partnership in 1984. In June 1992 he left to form Jonathan Speirs and Associates in Edinburgh. The following year he formed a working association with Mark Major which developed into Speirs and Major Associates. He is the Director responsible for running the day to day activities of the Edinburgh Studio.

Jonathan has worked on a diverse range of projects all around the world from architectural lighting to urban master-planning and light art. His work has been honoured with a number of international and national lighting awards including the Lighting Dimensions International Architectural Lighting Designer of the Year Award in 1997. He has also worked on four RIBA Building of the Year Stirling-prize winning projects; Magna Science Adventure Centre, Rotherham, Gateshead Millennium Bridge, 30 St Mary Axe, London and Barajas Airport, Madrid.

He lectures widely on lighting design around the world and is actively involved in lighting education. He is the co-creator of "Made of Light – the Art of Light and Architecture", an educational project about light. He is also a Corporate Member of the Royal Institute of British Architects, the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland and the European Association of Lighting Designers, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and an Honorary Fellow of the Society of Light and Lighting.

Jonathan is married with two children and lives in Edinburgh.

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