

The Curious Life and Career of Charles Rennie Mackintosh

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- 1868 Born in Glasgow on June 7; 4th of 11 children in the Presbyterian family of a police clerk
- 1884 Apprenticed at age 16 for 5 years to architect John Hutchinson
Began 10 years of night classes at Glasgow School of Art
- 1889 Employed as an assistant architect at Honeyman & Keppie; worked there 24 years
- 1890 Won a competition for the Alexander Thomson Traveling Scholarship
Spent most of the following year traveling and sketching in Italy
- 1892 Engaged to Jessie Keppie, sister of John Keppie; jilted her in 1894
- 1893 Changed spelling of name from McIntosh to Mackintosh
- 1896 Honeyman & Keppie given contract to design new Glasgow School of Art
Buchanan Street Tea Room interiors with George Walton for Miss Kate Cranston
Exhibit of “The Four” (CRM, Herbert McNair, Macdonald sisters) in London
- 1900 Married Margaret Macdonald on August 22; designed 120 Mains St. interiors
Ingram Street Tea Rooms interiors with MMM
The Four participated in Vienna Secession Exhibit
- 1901 Drawings with MMM for German “House for an Art Lover” competition
- 1901 First house commission for Windyhill, home of William Davidson (a relative)
- 1902 Second house commission for Hill House for publisher Walter Blackie
Designed Rose Boudoir with MMM for Turin Internation Exhibit
- 1906 Moved to house at 6 Florentine Terrace, designed interiors with MMM
- 1913 Quit Honeyman & Keppie after argument with a client; started his own firm
- 1914 Arrested while on vacation near the coast in Suffolk; never returned to Glasgow
- 1915 Moved to Chelsea in London; worked on watercolors and textile designs
- 1916 Last home designed at 78 Derngate in Northampton for Whyne Bassett-Lowke
- 1923 Moved to SW France in the Pyrenees; painted landscape and floral watercolors
- 1928 Died of cancer on December 10; ashes at Golders Green Crematorium, London

CHARLES RENNIE MACKINTOSH (1868 – 1928)
Glasgow architect and designer: Buildings and interior designs

140-2 Balgrayhill Rd.	1890
Craigie Hall, 4 Rowan Rd.	1892-3
Glasgow Art Club, 185 Bath St.*	1893
Glasgow Herald Building, Mitchell St.*	1893
<i>Now known as The Lighthouse, has a permanent CRM exhibit</i>	
Queen Margaret Ladies' College, Queen Margaret Dr.	1894-5
Martyrs' Public School, 11 Parson St.*	1895-7
Glasgow School of Art, 167 Renfrew St.* (exterior only)	1896-9, 1907-9
<i>Fire in Library in 2014; entire building gutted by fire June 15, 2018.</i>	
Queen's Cross Church, 870 Garscube Rd.*	1898
<i>Now the Charles Rennie Mackintosh Society Headquarters</i>	
Miss Cranston's Tea Rooms:	
Buchanan St.	1896-8, 1906
Argyle St.	1897-9, 1906
Ingram St.*	1900, 1907-11
Willow Tea Rooms, Sauchiehall St.*	1903-4, 1917
Gourock Parish Church, SW of Glasgow*	1899
Mackintosh home*	1900 / 1906
<i>Reconstructed in the Hunterian Gallery, University of Glasgow</i>	
Windyhill, Kilmacolm, Scotland	1900-1
Daily Record Building, Renfrew Lane*	1900-4
14 Kingsborough Gardens	1901-2
House for an Art Lover*	1901
<i>Constructed in Bellahouston Park, 1989-96, using CRM drawings</i>	
Hill House, Helensborough, outside Glasgow*	1902-4
An Artist's Country Cottage*	1902
<i>Constructed at Strathnairn near Inverness, Scotland, 1992</i>	
Scotland Street School, 255 Scotland St.*	1903-6
Hous'hill, Nitshill, outside Glasgow	1904
Holy Trinity Church, 12 Keir St., Stirling, Scotland*	1904
The Lady Artists' Club, 5 Blythswood Square*	1908
78 Derngate, Northampton, England*	1916-19

All are in Glasgow unless otherwise noted

*Can be visited

