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LÉVI-STRAUSS SECONDARY SCHOOL – BERLIN

PUBLIC BUILDINGS SCHOOL AND GYMNASIUM

CLIENT	Federal state Berlin District office Köpenick
MEASURES	Newbuild and renovation
TIMEFRAME	1996–2002
SERVICE PHASE	LPH (HOAI) 1–7, OAM 8
SIZE	School GFA 4,440 m ² Gymnasium GFA 6,040 m ²
AWARDS	1st prize in competition, 1994

A new central building, flanked by a new twin court gymnasium, was constructed to supplement the two adjacent 19th century brick school buildings. The new buildings do not imitate the style of the existing ones but resemble them in their form and materials, and especially in their durability. What is particular about the new buildings is the recourse to solid masonry, which permits greater creative freedom. The wall displays a powerful and lively interplay of light and shadow created by the diagonal and cross bond and the corresponding pattern of intended header bricks. This choice of construction avoids the need for unsightly expansion joints, intricate window reveal constructions and complicated solutions at the base of walls which are typical of dual-leaf wall constructions.