Today's News - February 21, 2005

A personal take on The Gates (I'll leave it to the pundits to praise or criticize for posterity.) -- ArcSpace takes us to Calatrava's concert hall in Atlanta and a cool Rockwell hotel in NYC. -- A once and future competition returns to Britain. -- In GSA competition; you win; surprise: you didn't. -- Kansas City still not sold on its Hoff museum expansion. -- But he does take home a prize in Boston (even though the students are competing to redesign). -- Skyscrapers set to soar in South Bank, U.K., and Los Angeles. -- Toronto just not getting the Times Square thing right. -- Foster takes on a pyramid. -- Does Petra (and Stonehenge) really need a visitors center? -- An architect of big buildings has bigger dreams. -- The "devil is in the details" for 9/11 memorial. -- In New Zealand, an underground garage gets its roof propped up to support festival on top. -- A forum examines how to translate research of therapeutic environments into reality. -- A March gathering explores "Renewing Tradition for the 21st Century." -- We couldn't resist: meet Hargo and his cat (Central Park isn't the only place with gates).

Wild about Saffron: New York City. A February Tuesday in Central Park; 55 degrees and sunny... By Kristen Richards [images] - ArchNewsNow

-- Santiago Calatrava: Atlanta Symphony Center, Atlanta, Georgia
-- Rockwell Group: Chambers Hotel, New York City

New era for Europan: The competition that shot S333, MVRDV and Maccreanor Lavington to fame will be resurrected in Britain, Cabe has pledged. - BD/Building Design (UK)

Intense contest yields architects for federal buildings: This "Survivor" for architects is part of a federal government program -- Design Excellence. -- By Alex Frangos, Wall Street Journal - Karen Bausman; Hodgetts + Fung; Mack Scogin Merrill Elam Architects; Studio Gang Architects; Wolf Architecture; Predock-Frane Architects - Chicago Tribune

Pane in the Glass: The Nelson-Atkins Museum's new addition gets an icy reception. - Steven Holl Architects - The Pitch (Kansas City)

Like no building you've ever seen before: Simmons Hall voted city's best [Harleston Parker Medal]. But nothing fades as fast as novelty. It will be interesting to see how Simmons ranks in 20 years. By Robert Campbell - Steven Holl Architects/Perry Dean Rogers - Boston Globe

Skyscrapers loom for the South Bank: 70-storey residential block one of three towers to rival City skyline - Ian Simpson Architects; Wilkinson Eyre; Make - BD/Building Design (UK)


Toronto sells out — ad nauseam: Public space lost to commercial pitches...once upon a time it was enough to let the architecture be the attention-getting device. By Christopher Hume - Toronto Star

The pyramid of peace: Norman Foster assumes the monumental mantle of Boullée, In Kazakhstan. By Hugh Pearman [images] - HughPearman.com (UK)

Raiders of the Lost City: Petra is one of the strangest, most beautiful places in the world. Does it really need a tourist center? By Jonathan Glancey - Edward Cullinan Architects; Bjarke Ingels; Land Design - Guardian (UK)

The Power Broker Yearns to Be Cool: ...no longer content to be the pet architect of the mainstream development world: he now longs for the kind of critical recognition that has so far eluded him... By Nicolai Ouroussoff - David M. Chids/Smithsonian - New York Times

Opinion: Raising 'The Rising': ...the devil is in the details. It is crucial...to get this [Westchester 9/11] memorial right the second time. - Frederic Schwartz Architects - New York Times

Car park to be propped up for AK05 arts festival: ...lies beneath the sunken paved area and grassed portions of Aotea Square... - New Zealand Herald

Therapeutic Environments Forum: "Translating Research Into Practice" - AIA Architect


With $3.50 and a Dream, the 'Anti-Christo' Is Born: "The Somerville Gates" - New York Times