

Today's News - September 21, 2006

Rybczynski doesn't dig underground architecture. – Why HGTV is good for downtown revivals. – A conference revisits the 1964 Venice Charter to safeguard cultural heritage: is it still relevant? – Ireland now has its own Heritage Trust: will it work? – Despite an official focus on the "relentlessly modern," Pearman rejoices in the quiet salvation of London's great Georgian churches. – New British schools designed by hot architects are ending up not that cool. – Two thumbs-up for Chicago's change in plans for Olympic stadium. – Toronto in store for a spectacular waterfront park. – Russell is pleasantly surprised with Libeskind's edgy museum wing in Denver: "an extraordinary celebration of the city's idealism and aspiration...with magnetic power." – Erickson's RCMP Heritage Centre is coming to life. – A look at the global craze for designer museums. – A collection of competition calls for entries. – Two more takes on Venice Biennale: "Cities of Stone" and Tschumi's City of the Future.

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[Big Digs: The problem with underground architecture. By Witold Rybczynski](#)- Slate

[Making the Connection Between HGTV and Downtown Revitalization. By Michael Stumpf. AICP](#)- Cyburbia

[Conference: The Venice Charter Revisited: The 1964 charter defines the responsibility of nations to safeguard cultural heritage for future generations. But is it still relevant in the 21st century? November 2-5 in Venice](#)- International Network for Traditional Building, Architecture & Urbanism (INTBAU)

[Ireland's heritage homes open to a new era: Will the new Irish Heritage Trust be able to save our historical properties? Robert O'Byrne asks its new director, Kevin Baird](#)- Irish Times

[London's great Georgian churches come back to life: Hawksmoor and Gibbs restored...\[since\] 1997 the official focus on architecture has been relentlessly modern...almost by stealth, a wonderful thing has happened: the salvation of some of its finest 18th century churches. By Hugh Pearman \[images\]](#)- HughPearman.com (UK)

[On shaky foundations: Billions of pounds are being spent on rebuilding the nation's secondary schools. But many - including two from top architect Lord Foster - have attracted criticism. – Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment \(CABE\); Fielden Clegg Bradley, Wilkinson Eyre](#)- Independent (UK)

[Washington Park plan looks like a gold medal winner for the city: ...strikes the proper balance between doing what is right for the Olympics and doing what is right for Chicago... By Blair Kamin -- Olmsted/Vaux \(1871\); Skidmore, Owings & Merrill](#)- Chicago Tribune

[Big dream could bring city full circle: ...shift of a proposed stadium for the 2016 Olympics from the downtown lakefront to Washington Park -- a stone's throw from Jackson Park, home of the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893 -- sets up the tantalizing possibility of a historic full circle. By Kevin Nance -- Skidmore, Owings & Merrill](#)- Chicago Sun-Times

[\[Lake Ontario\] Park along shoreline could be "spectacular"...will be largest place of its kind in the city. By Christopher Hume -- James Corner/Field Operations](#)- Toronto Star

[Libeskind's Edgy Museum Wing Pulls Denver's Culture Together: ...an extraordinary celebration of the city's idealism and aspiration. The building has the peculiar magnetic power of a glowing geode produced by a crashed meteorite. By James S. Russell -- Davis Partnership; Graves; Ponti](#)- Bloomberg News

[Erickson's vision of site starting to come alive: ...homage to Canada's world-famous Mounties -- the RCMP Heritage Centre -- is slowly taking shape on the western edge of the city \[Regina\].- Regina Leader-Post \(Canada\)](#)

[Designer Museums Attract Big Crowds: The success of Gehry's Guggenheim Bilbao and Pei's Louvre redesign has cities all over the world planning starchitect structures...curators and arts funders realize the degree to which hot architecture could boost a museum's fortunes. – Wright; Kahn; Johnson; Graves; Stirling; Foster; Herzog & de Meuron \[slide show\]](#)- BusinessWeek

[Call for entries: Building A Sustainable World: Life in the Balance: registration deadline: December 31](#)- Royal Institute of British Architects - USA (RIBA-USA)

[Call for entries: Villa Esperanza: Santa Fe Sustainable Ideas Competition: spruce up an existing 40-unit affordable housing project, provide a transit-oriented site plan and, design a new community center; cash prizes; registration: September 30](#)- Santa Fe Design Week



[Call for entries: 2007 AIA Housing Awards \(open to architects licensed in the U.S.\); registration deadline: November 17](#)- American Institute of Architects (AIA)

[Call for applications: 2007 Rudy Bruner Award for Urban Excellence; deadline: December 18](#)- The Bruner Foundation

[Turning to stone: \[in Venice\] "Cities of Stone"...ideal Mediterranean city is the fruit of a marriage between traditional stonemasonry and advanced technology.- Financial Times \(UK\)](#)

[Building cities of the future at Venice Biennale: Swiss star architect Bernard Tschumi is representing his homeland...with a futuristic design for a city. -- Studio Base/ Contemporary City Institute](#)- SwissInfo

[New Frontiers in Science and Design: ASU Biodesign Institute by Gould Evans and Lord, Aeck & Sargent \(images\)](#)- ArchNewsNow



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