

## Today's News - February 13, 2007

A satisfaction survey shows how important the arts are to small Canadian cities. – King's offers a reality check re: AIA's Top 150. – Egos, pathos, and tense spectacle still swirling around Gazprom City. – Gardner just a bit disappointed with new addition to Manhattan's Museum Mile. – Germaine Greer doesn't take to libraries that "trumpet cleverness." – South Miami puts a temporary moratorium on McMansions (not all are pleased). – Nashville and Elgin, IL, have big riverfront dreams. – A Delhi "superbly" blends architecture and healthcare. – Ikea U.S. HQ walks the talk. – A new Miami condo will be "an organic building shaped by natural forces." – 12 teams win competition to build energy-efficient healthy demonstration homes across Canada. – Dyckhoff's take on Aalto channeled by Ban. – Q&A with architect and author of "Towards an Ethical Architecture." – Hume has high praise for the art of architectural rendering. – Call for entries: a mixed-use trade center in Tehran, and abstracts for international urban design conference.

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[Satisfaction Survey Suggests Arts Critical to Quality of Life of Small Cities](#)- Newswise

[When it comes to the tops in architecture, it's all about how it makes people feel: ...reality check for me isn't the Top 150...It's the Other 98 – the also-rans that were nominated by architects but didn't get enough votes to make the list of favorites. By John King](#)- San Francisco Chronicle

[Redesigning the Power Vertical: Gazprom Threatens St. Petersburg's Skyline...The clash of egos and pathos made for a tense spectacle, but Gazprom's financial and political motivations alone are likely to determine whether – and how – the project will proceed. – Libeskind; Koolhaas/OMA; Fuksas; Nouvel; Herzog & de Meuron; RMJM](#)- Russia Profile

[African Art Joins the Museum Mile: Surely, it is not bad in its present configuration, but it could be far better. By James Gardner – Robert A.M. Stern](#)- New York Sun

[Flashy libraries? I prefer to get my adventure out of the books not the building...Cavan library shares some important motifs with Peckham... but the building doesn't trumpet its cleverness. By Germaine Greer – Will Alsop; Alice Bentley/Shaffrey Associates](#)- Guardian (UK)

[Moratorium to prevent 'McMansions': Some South Miami residents Tuesday applauded...Others called the decision an example of government trumping property owners' rights](#)- Miami Herald

[Selling ambitious \\$390 million \[Nashville\] riverfront plans likely to require a lot more ambition – Hargreaves Associates](#)- Nashville Business Journal

[Deal for riverfront work on Elgin's table: City poised to pay architects for plans, study to overhaul dilapidated area – Hitchcock Design Group \[images\]](#)- Daily Herald (Chicago)

[Let's run to the hospital: Delhi's Max Devki Devi hospital...intelligent architecture blending superbly with healthcare. – Wood Associates](#)- Business Standard (India)

[Home Sweet Office for Ikea's Workers: A space that takes cues from Swedish design to brighten the darkness...United States headquarters provides a homelike setting and a showcase for its home furnishings lines. \[images\]](#)- New York Times

[Fort-Brescia named architect for Regalia...an oceanfront condominium... – Arquitectonica \[image\]](#)- Coral Gables Gazette (Florida)

[Canada's New Government Congratulates Winners of EQUilibrium Competition to Develop Energy-Efficient Homes: 12 winning teams will build energy-efficient healthy demonstration homes across the country. \[links\]](#)- Canada NewsWire (CNW)

[Celebrating the Finn de siä cle: A new exhibition puts an obscure Finnish architect back on the 20th century's map.....an architect whose work has come of age..."Alvar Aalto through the eyes of Shigeru Ban" By Tom Dyckhoff](#)- The Times (UK)

[An Ethical Plan: Vancouver architect Gregory Henriquez discusses his approach and attitudes towards the importance of the architect's ability to engage and empower a community..."Towards an Ethical Architecture"... \[images\]](#)- Canadian Architect

[Reality rendered: They promise a place of perfect buildings, perfect people and perfect weather: How the economic boom has made artistic rendering an art in itself. By Christopher Hume \[images\]](#)- Toronto Star

[Call for entries: International competition to design mixed-use Iran Industrial Trade Center in Tehran: 1st prize: €16,000, 2nd prize: €12,000, 3rd prize: €8,000; registration deadline: March 27 \[in English and Farsi\]](#)- Melli Industrial Group

[Call for abstracts: "Waves of Change – Cities at Crossroads" for International Urban Design Conference: deadline: March 20](#)- Gold Coast City Council (Australia)

[In Their Own Words: Abu Dhabi Cultural District: How Gehry, Hadid, Nouvel, and Ando envision their cultural venues on Saadiyat Island. \[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow

– 3XN: Music Building / BIMhuis, Amsterdam

– Eric Owen Moss Architects: The Stealth, Culver City, California

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