

Today's News - Thursday, July 19, 2007

Good news/bad news day for Modernism: Why we should care about the fate of Modernist masterpieces. -- RFQ to reuse Rudolph's Riverview High School. -- Mies's MLK library is landmarked. -- Ingenuity abounds in ideas to save Breuer tower (sadly, not much hope it will survive). -- Russell is disappointed in WTC5 tower plans (but hopefully not too late to get things right). -- MSU Broad Art Museum shortlist designs unveiled. -- Duke picks Pelli Clarke Pelli. -- Mayne on Yu and more. -- National Design Award winners feted at the White House. -- RAI awards Melbourne's best abodes. -- An American architect's "eureka moment" in Ireland. -- A socialist's take on Hadid's London show. -- Becker on building Asia brick by brick - in Legos. -- Gardner is fairly entranced by Russian avant-garde on view at MoMA. -- A tribute to the man who rescue France's architectural treasures from the vandalism of 19th-century developers.

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[Modernism at risk: why you should care: Masterpieces of the stark and unadorned \(some say ugly\), many face the wrecking ball -- Modernism at Risk; Paul Rudolph; Marcel Breuer; Eero Saarinen; Philip Johnson; Mies van der Rohe; Docomomo-](#)
Chicago Tribune

[Request for Qualifications: Adaptive Use Design Competition to Save Paul Rudolph's Riverview High School; deadline: September 14-](#) Sarasota Architectural Foundation

[Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library gets landmark status: A significant Modernist building in Washington is now protected from demolition. -- Mies van der Rohe \(1968\)-](#)
Christian Science Monitor

[Ingenuity Festival showcases alternatives to razing Marcel Breuer's Ameritrust tower: ...an indication of the rising sentiment that the county's desire to erase the only tall office building ever completed by Breuer...is wrong. By Steven Litt -- David Ellison/Sally Levine; Davis Brody Bond/Weber Murphy Fox; Kohn Pedersen Fox; Robert P. Madison; Fred Schwartz; CUP; etc.-](#) Cleveland Plain Dealer

[JPMorgan Should Demand More for Its Proposed \\$2 Billion Tower: WTC 5...a spectacularly amateurish performance by a firm capable of corporate design at the highest level...There's still time to veto this turkey and start over. By James S. Russell -- Kohn Pedersen Fox \[image\]-](#) Bloomberg News

[MSU Broad Art Museum Designs Unveiled -- Coop Himme\(!\)bau; Kohn Pedersen Fox; Zaha Hadid; Randall Stout; Morphosis \[images\]-](#) WILX News (Michigan)

[Duke University Selects Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects as Master Designer for Central Campus-](#) Duke News

[Interviews by Frances Anderton: The Wild West Meets the Wild East: ...when it comes to architecture, the Chinese are hiring -- from the US and beyond. Thom Mayne/Morphosis on the late George Yu; Andrew Blum on the iPhone and Dreamliner. -- Qingyun Ma; Scott Hunter/NBBJ; James Mary O'Connor/Moore Ruble Yudell; Herb Nadel/Nadel Architects; Ron Altoon/Altoon + Porter; Grace Cheng/RTKL; Caroline Graham/C4 Consulting \[podcast\]-](#) KCRW.org (Los Angeles)

[National Design Awards Presented At White House -- Antoine Predock; Denise Scott Brown/Robert Venturi; Frank Ching; Monica Ponce de Leon/Nader Tehrani/Office dA; Lewis.Tsurumaki.Lewis; Peter Walker/PWP Landscape Architecture-](#) Washington Post

[Home and hosed: Melbourne's best abodes come in all shapes, sizes - and surprises. And each is a winner. -- Robert Simeoni; Fiona Winzar Architects; Jackson Clements Burrows Architects; Kennedy Nolan Architects; O'Connor + Houle Architecture \[links\]-](#) Brisbane Times (Australia)

[How Mayo helped inspire US architect: Buildings should have a 'spirit of place' says Travis Price, who had a eureka moment before he discovered his answer to the future of modern architecture-](#) Irish Times

[Zaha Hadid: when the art of building is commanded by capital: It would be a mistake for socialists to dismiss this sort of Architecture out of hand -- but it would be equally foolish to pretend it doesn't play a very particular ideological function under capitalism today.-](#) Socialist Worker (UK)

[Toy Futures: For Building Asia Brick by Brick, Asian architects get huge Lego sets to create visions of the future... By Lynn Becker -- People's Architecture; Bernard Khoury; Architects 49; MADA s.p.a.m.; Qingyun Ma; Urbanus Architecture and Design; Map Office; Sean Godsell Architects \[images, links\]-](#) Repeat (Chicago)

[The Best-Laid Plans: "Lost Vanguard: Soviet Modernist Architecture, 1922-32" focuses on buildings of the Russian avant-garde, which gain their real power from their decay. By James Gardner -- Richard Pare; Vladimir Shukhov; Konstantin Melnikov; Le Corbusier; Erich Mendelsohn; David Kogan; Alexei Shchusev; Sergei Serafimov-](#) New York Sun

[An inspector calls: Prosper Mérimée is best known for the novella on which Bizet based Carmen. Yet his greatest achievement was to rescue France's architectural](#)



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