

Today's News - Thursday, May 29, 2008

- No more starchitect for Javits Center.
- Whither goes our heritage? Robin Hood Gardens: tomorrow is D-day; and a forceful "for" and "against."
- A call to save a constructivist factory building in Turkey.
- Palm Beach Manus House update: doubts it can be landmarked since demolition already applied for (but owner promises to photograph before it bites the dust - gee, that's just swell).
- Our gardener's heart withers at plans for Doris Duke's "storied gardens."
- A brighter note: Governors Island has an arts-full future.
- A Toronto church is a model of "architecture of eco-theology."
- A Santa Monica multifamily project is greener than most.
- U.K. survey shows women in engineering still earning less: what's the answer?
- A long - and impressive - shortlist of 20 for new International Criminal Court HQ in The Netherlands.
- RIBA's shortlist of best British buildings leaves classicists furious. - The complete list (you can decide if they're right).
- 2007 Religious Art and Architecture Awards; and the call for entries for 2008 awards.
- USC launches American Academy in China.

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[Rogers leaves troubled New York job: Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners \(RSHP\) is to play no further part in the high-profile redevelopment of the Javits Convention Center. -- I.M. Pei \(1986\); FXFowle Architects- The Architects' Journal \(UK\)](#)

[Robin Hood Gardens estate: heritage icon or concrete slabs? A campaign to save Robin Hood Gardens, a rundown East London council estate that boasts million-pound views, will come to a close tomorrow when the deadline expires for submissions on whether it should be granted heritage status. -- Peter and Alice Smithson \(1972\)- The Times \(UK\)](#)

[Robin Hood Gardens: for and against: Marcus Binney, architecture correspondent: "A grim building in an even grimmer place"; Alan Powers, architectural historian and chairman of the 20th Century Society: "It is not just any old concrete slab block."- The Times \(UK\)](#)

[Help save a constructivist factory building in Turkey...Sümerbank Textile Factory Complex in Kayseri designed by a Russian constructivist architect Ivan Nikolaev \(1935\). -- DOCOMOMO_Turkey \[images, links\]- Archinect](#)

[Palm Beach panel defers request to raze Alfred Browning Parker 1960 home: ...doubt that the Town Council could landmark the house since the owner has already applied for demolition. -- DoCoMoMo \[image\]- Palm Beach Daily News](#)

[Doris Duke's Storied Gardens Are No More: Architecturally...these glassed-in gardens are a tour de force...plan calls for turning the entire park into a "living green environment" ...a progressive agenda, but it's harder to understand why these historic and much loved indoor display gardens...cannot coexist with the native plants and the bike trails. -- Horace Trumbauer \(1917\)- Wall Street Journal](#)

[A New Arts Scene on Governors Island: New Yorkers will have a new center for outdoor art...The result is a dramatic expansion of arts programming from last summer to this one. -- West 8/Rogers Marvel Architects/Diller Scofidio + Renfro/Quennell Rothschild/SMWM; Olafur Eliasson- New York Sun](#)

[The Architecture of Eco-Theology: St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin...has become the first church in Canada to receive LEED Gold...The new building as sacred space redefined presents a "Gestalt whole"... By Roberto Chiotti/Larkin Architect Limited \[images\]- Faith & Form Magazine](#)

[A friendlier footprint: Green on 19: Jesse Bomstein's five-unit town home project in Santa Monica incorporates more environmentally friendly features than most multifamily housing developments that market themselves as green. \[slide show essay\]- Los Angeles Times](#)

[Mind the Gap! The ICE's latest survey shows women still earn less than men and many leave the industry early. Could flexible working be the answer? "Employers need to offer flexible working for senior positions, not just on an ethical basis but because they need more engineers."- New Civil Engineer \(UK\)](#)

[Twenty architects are selected to participate in the worldwide architectural competition for new ICC premises- International Criminal Court](#)

[Awards for best British buildings leave classicists out in the cold: Classical and traditional architects are furious that there is not a doric column or a Tuscan pediment to be seen in the RIBA's list of 92 buildings...has sparked accusations that the judges are behaving like "style fascists." By Robert Booth -- Quinlan Terry; Robert Adam; Julian Bicknell; Rogers Stirk Harbour; Foster + Partners; Heatherwick; Adjaye; Alistair Lansley; Gustafson Porter; Ian Simpson; Chipperfield; etc.- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[2008 RIBA Regional Awards winners announced -- AHMM/Allford Hall Monaghan Morris; Allies & Morrison; Purcell Miller Tritton; Biq Architects; Denton Corker Marshall;](#)

[Shed KM; Muma; etc.](#)- BD/Building Design (UK)

[2007 Religious Art and Architecture Awards -- Centerbrook; Leo A Daly/LAN + PageSoutherlandPage; John R. Dale; Beyer Blinder Belle; Herman & Coliver/Locus; John G . Waite; Shaughnessy Fickel and Scott; Schwartz Architects; Luigi Del Monte; etc. \[images, links\]](#)- Faith & Form Magazine

[Call for Entries: Faith & Form / IFRAA 2008 International Religious Art & Architecture Awards; registration deadline: July 1](#)- Faith & Form Magazine

[USC launches American Academy in China \(AAC\): Initiated by Qingyun Ma, Dean of the USC School of Architecture and founder of MADA s.p.a.m. AAC establishes a base for researchers and students from around the globe...](#)- University of Southern California



[-- Daniel Libeskind: The Ascent, Covington, Kentucky](#)

[-- Steven Ehrlich Architects: Robertson Branch Library, Los Angeles](#)

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