Today's News - Wednesday, July 29, 2009

- Risen on the reason the design of the National Museum of African American History and Culture succeeds: it speaks "to both a particular history and a universal set of experiences."
- Russell is not so kind to NYC's Bank of America eco-tower, despite it good intentions.
- Mayne's new Cooper Union building is "a remarkable combination of excess and restraint."
- London 2012 infrastructure buildings could be "the best architecture to come out of the event" and a good argument "for design-architects to play a part in other infrastructure projects."
- Rochon gets "high on the green stuff," savoring the High Line and cheering proposal to transform Toronto's elevated expressway into a Green Ribbon: it "deserves a standingovation for its guts" (but caveats are in order).
- St. Petersburg's Mariinsky Theatre makeover will carry a Canadian accent (and no tears shed over scuttling of Perrault's "golden potato").
- A battle brews in Melbourne over plans for a glass tower over historic hotel.
- Piano's green home for cultural center in Athens' seaside district.
- Louisville architects are changing the rural rules when it comes to building barns (they're very cool and LEED Gold to boot).
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- BD+C's 2009 Giants 300 survey includes Top 150 Green Design Firms, Top 170 BIM Adopters, and much more.
- An eyeful of the 32nd SMPS Annual National Marketing Communications Awards.

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Help design a car for the future: C:mm:n (pronounced common) is an open community design project that is not only counting on its members to help design a car but is also tasked with producing a whole new mobility solution to cope with the challenging demands of the future. - Gizmag (Australia)

Spark Sets Eyes On China: Spark Design & Architecture Awards is extending its role in the booming Chinese design industry through SparkChina. These new awards will help Chinese creative teams raise their profile globally. - PR Web

2009 Giants 300: survey the country’s largest AEC firms in the nonresidential building industry; includes: Top 150 Green Design Firms; Top 170 BIM Adopters; etc. - Building Design & Construction (BD+C)

2009 recipients of the 32nd SMPS Annual National Marketing Communications Awards — HNTB; Arup; Perkins+Will; Walter P Moore; la terra studio; Cannon Design; BBG-BBGM; Golder Associates; HGA; Avila Design; etc. [link to images] - Society for Marketing Professional Services (SMPS)

Book Review: "Everything Must Move: 15 Years at Rice School of Architecture 1994-2009": There’s a Texas flood of architectural ideas that gives ample evidence of an architecture school that unsettles pat assumptions. Who could ask for anything more? By Norman Weinstein - ArchNewsNow

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