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Copenhagen Design Week 2009: The focus was firmly on the local and national design community - and environmental sustainability... while classic, mid-century modern Danish design is inspiring, it's in the past; a new generation is looking towards sustainable and human-centered designs. -- By Terri Peters -- McDonough Braungart/Cradle-to-Cradle; Bjarke Ingles Group (BIG); 30N [images] - ArchNewsNow

Winning proposal distilled 'true essence' of project: Allied Works Architecture... is the winner of... competition to design the new National Music Centre at the King Eddy [for] the Cantos Music Foundation... "We really do see the building as an instrument..." -- Brad Cloepfil, BKID [slide show] - Calgary Herald (Canada)

This is who should win in Calgary: One architect on the short list for the new National Music Centre soars above the rest -- -- Allied Works/BKID; Diller Scopilfo + Renfro/Kasian; Jean Nouvel; Saucier + Perrotte; Studio Pali-Fetke/SPF:a [image] - Maclean's (Canada)

Too Much of a Good Thing: Frank Gehry isn't going to design Brooklyn's Atlantic Yards development, and that's OK... It is a shame that [he] wasn't given a chance to build his... arena... One Gehry building can be a small miracle, but 17 Gehry buildings side by side is simply too much. By Witold Rybczynski -- Ellerbe Becket; SHoP [links] - Slate

State drops out of Chelsea Barracks running as full teams revealed: a raft of new names have been added by the 10 teams still vying for the project. -- Alan Baxter/Paul Davis/Liam O'Connor/Heatherwick/Todd Longstaffe-Gowan; Phorphys/Allies of Architecture; Clancy/Andersen; Scogin Merrill Elam; Michael Van Valkenburgh [images] - ArchNewsNow

The Courrage of Planning:... visionary plans setting forth new land-use and transportation patterns are indispensable for managing growth... a comprehensive plan is an aspirational gamble. But gamble we must... Voters tend to worry about only one thing: being stuck in ever-worsening traffic. Thus master-plan adoption ultimately depends on courageous political leaders... -- By Roger K. Lewis - Washington Post

After a Tornado, a Kansas Town Rebuilds Green: Greensburg, Kan., population 900, is rising anew as a model of energy conservation and environmental sensitivity... "What do you do when you start with a clean slate? You want to build it better. Right?... We are learning that green makes sense." -- BNIM [images] - New York Times

Greener buildings not pricier: Studies find eco-friendly construction costs no more than traditional methods and performs better in the market. Building green high-rise towers in New York City is not the higher cost option it has long been thought to be... -- Crain's New York Business

At Copenhagen Melløs U., a Gleaming Computer-Science Complex Worthy of M.C. Escher... a shiny, lively, two-building complex with as many bridges as an Escher drawing and more glass than you've probably ever seen in one place. -- ArchNewsNow - The Chronicle of Higher Education

Heller Manus Architects Selected to Lead the Design and Construction of Guangzhou, China Project: South Axis master plan includes the design of 159.1 million sq. ft., incorporating waterfront and transit oriented development with a ferry terminal, central government districts, and a variety of urban land uses. -- SWA Group; AECOM Callison; Simon & Associates [images] - Multi-Housing News

Designs for second Bow bridge unveiled: 35 concepts vying for $25M project... design contest for a pedestrian bridge... a sequel to sorts to... Peace Bridge by Santiago Calatrava... -- Sturgess Architecture; Rosales and Partners/Schlaich Bergermann; De Jong Design Associates; Marc Boutin; Manu Chugh Architects; Arup/Kasian; Buckland and Taylor; El Group; Delcan & DTAH; Halcrow Yoelles/Eddy & Flow; Falko Schmitt; Zhiji You; Rogers Stirk Harbour; Erin Swift; Busby Perkins+Will [slide show] - Calgary Herald (Canada)

Study to examine replacing Montreal's Champlain Bridge:... approaching 50 years of age and is largely constructed of pre-stressed concrete beams supported by concrete piers... study will examine the possibility of building a new bridge or tunnel along the existing bridge corridor. -- Daily Commercial News (Canada)

Self-Healing Concrete:... doesn't require any men at work; it can repair itself... costs three to four times more than normal concrete... at least right now. But... long-term savings on something like a bridge deck, which may have a service life of 60 years, will make it cost effective. -- Victor Li/University of Michigan - Daily Commercial News (Canada)

Money, political woes don't derail I-5 bridge designers:... it's time for the region to give a thumbs up or down on design concepts that may later be adapted to a smaller scale project... designs are more modest than earlier ideas of a suspension...
Zaha Hadid awarded the Japan Art Association’s Praemium Imperiale Architecture Laureate for 2009...will receive a prize of 15 million yen (£100,000). - The Oregonian

Recession Tales: David Adjaye: The British architect discusses his firm’s brush with bankruptcy and...how architects prepare, or don't, for the inevitable ups and downs of a working practice..."It took a year to get back to a sustainable practice. It's been a hell of a lesson." - The Architect's Newspaper

Newsmaker: Cameron Sinclair: In the past few years...expansion has brought accolades and new responsibilities...[he speaks] these advancements, the organization’s implications for architects practicing in the developed world, and questions he has raised about ethics among architects at the top of the profession. -- Architecture for Humanity [slide show] - Architectural Record

Call for entries: 2010 Metropolis Next Generation Design Competition: "One Design Fix for the Future"; $10,000 prize; deadline: January 29, 2010 - Metropolis Magazine

Call for entries: I.D. 2010 Annual Design Review; categories include Environments, Furniture, Graphics, Products, Concepts, etc; $10,000 prize; deadline: December 1, 2009 - I.D. magazine

-- Gehry Partners, LLP: Counselling Center (Hejmdal), Danish Cancer Society, Aarhus, Denmark
-- Sparch: Vision City, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia