

Today's News - Thursday, September 24, 2009

- Peters fills us in on what went on at the first Copenhagen Design Week: "a new generation is looking towards sustainable and human-centered designs."
- Allied Works wins big in Calgary; and who some thought should have won.
- Rybczynski chimes in on Atlantic Yards team change: it's a shame he won't get to build his arena, but "one Gehry building can be a small miracle, but 17 Gehry buildings side by side is simply too much" (and such a pouty picture!).
- The final (very longggg) shortlist for Chelsea Barracks (it doesn't include Stern this time).
- Lewis on the importance of visionary planning: "a comprehensive plan is an aspirational gamble. But gamble we must."
- Greensburg, KS, green visions coming true, "rising anew as a model of energy conservation and environmental sensitivity."
- Studies find building green high-rises in NYC "is not the higher cost option it has long been thought to be."
- Carnegie Mellon's "gleaming" (and green) computer-science complex sports "as many bridges as an Escher drawing and more glass than you've probably ever seen in one place" (great pix, too).
- Heller Manus wins big (again) in Guangzhou, China.
- Bridges, bridges everywhere: an eyeful of proposals for a pedestrian bridge over the Bow River - a "sequel of sorts" to Calatrava's. - A study to decide if Montreal's aging Champlain Bridge should be replaced - Perhaps they should look into new self-healing concrete: it "doesn't require any men at work; it can repair itself." - A call to give a thumbs' up or down to I-5 bridge design over the Columbia River in Oregon.
- Hadid named the Japan Art Association's Praemium Imperiale Architecture Laureate (and will take home a bundle).
- Q&A with Adjaye re: his brush with bankruptcy: "It's been a hell of a lesson."
- Q&A with Sinclair re: Architecture for Humanity's implications for architects practicing in the developed world, and his Barbican kafuffle.
- Call for entries: 2010 Metropolis Next Generation Design Competition; and I.D. 2010 Annual Design Review.

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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); 3XN [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; BKDI [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/BKDI; Diller Scofidio + 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

Stern 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; Porphyrios/Allies and Morrison/Townshend Landscape Architects; Duany Plater-Zyberk (DPZ)/KPF London/Paul Murrain/ZEDfactory/Merrill Pastor Colgan/Gillespies Landscape Architects; Dixon Jones/Glenn Howells; Feilden Clegg Bradley/AHMM/Macleanor Lavington/Alison Brooks/Grant Associates; Terry Farrell/Panter Hudspith/Peter Barber/Chris Dyson; Hamiltons/Think Place/Patel Taylor; Lifschutz Davidson Sandilands/Haworth Tompkins/Churchman Landscape Architects; Robert Adam/Ash Sakula/LDADesign; Squire and Partners/Kim Wilkie- The Architects' Journal (UK)

The Courage 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 Carnegie Mellon 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. -- Mack Scogin Merrill Elam; Michael Van Valkenburgh [images]- 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 of sorts to...Peace Bridge by Santiago Calatrava... -- Sturgess Architecture; Rosales and Partners/Schlaich Bergermann; DeJong Design Associates; Marc Boutin; Manu Chugh Architects; Arup/Kasian; Buckland and Taylor; IBI Group; Delcan & DTAH; Halcrow Yolles/Eddy & Flow; Falko Schmitt; Zhiyi 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 be 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

[bridge or other soaring structure over the Columbia River.](#) -- [Touchstone Architects \[images\]](#)- [The Oregonian](#)

[Zaha Hadid awarded the Japan Art Association's Praemium Imperiale Architecture Laureate for 2009...will receive a prize of 15 million yen \(£100,000\).](#)- [BD/Building Design \(UK\)](#)

[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: December1, 2009-](#) [I.D. magazine](#)



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