Today's News - Monday, October 19, 2009

- ArcSpace brings us eyefuls of Libeskind's ROM Crystal, and house by Baeza in Garrison, New York.
- A Stirling kind of day (and sure to be many more pundit-sounding in the days ahead): the winner is Rogers Stirk Harbour's Maggie's Centre London.
- Merrick mourns that the "shortlists have become decent" rather than "genuinely exploratory. Where is the architectural joy - or risk?" (time for younger jurors, perhaps?)
- Liverpool One might not have won, but "it's arguably won a more important prize" - it "has more or less survived the recession."
- Pearman's amusing take on the awards event itself.
- To the video: Rogers re: Maggie's Centre "and the struggle between tradition and modernity in British architecture."
- Oh - lest we forget the Chelsea Barracks sage: RSHP wants to be paid.
- Lewis gives Chicago a "gold medal for design": the city "is already uniquely "Olympian" thanks to its soaring urban architecture and architectural legacy."
- Big plans floated to create more docks all along the Hudson River.
- Saffron cheers Philadelphia's plans to perk up its artful but all too car-centric parkway for pedestrians (she gives the Barnes plan an "A" for aesthetics, but an "F" in urbanism).
- A visit to a remote village in Colombia that is a "four-decade experiment to alter civilization's dependence on finite fossil fuels and industrial agriculture."
- In the U.K., new affordable housing is deemed "dangerous at night": now it's up to architects to change that.
- Cranbrook's ambitious plans to expand.
- HOK $2: Big plans for 432-acre former Sun Microsystems site: a new corporate campus that will be "quiet and astonishing" (and oh so green); and on the team for new Sacramento courthouse.
- Call for entries: 2010 Ceramic Tiles of Italy Design Competition.
- Two we couldn't resist: Starck bares his soul (sort of); and an eyeful of Europe's first rotating hotel (we'll believe it when we see it).
An isolated village finds the energy to keep going: Visitors to a remote village in Colombia can get a glimpse into a four-decade experiment to alter civilization's dependence on finite fossil fuels and industrial agriculture...Las Gaviotas...like an oasis amid this madness... - New York Times

Third of all new affordable housing "dangerous at night": "The fact that so many new developments are deemed to be both badly designed and unsafe...proves that what families need are not just decent homes but also decent neighbourhoods and architects with support from communities are right at the heart of making sure that happens." - 24dash.com (UK)

Bing Thom on building urbanism with a light touch: ...his native Vancouver’s success as a vibrant and sustainable city, the paradoxes of designing urban fabric from scratch in the developing world, and his latest American project, the renovation of the Arena Stage Theater in Washington, DC. [video] - AIAArchitect

Cranbrook expands museum, adds middle school for girls: ...an ambitious program that will expand...the fabled campus created by Eliel Saarinen... — SmithGroup; Rafael Moneo; David W. Osler; Lake/Flato - Daily Tribune (Michigan)

ConocoPhillips: Louisville [Colorado] campus to be "quiet and astonishing": Company plans to take up less than half of 432-acre Sun Microsystems site...would include restoring the ecology of the surrounding area, taking steps to "optimize the land"... — HOK - Daily Camera (Boulder, Colorado)

Architects for new Sacramento courthouse chosen -- Nacht & Lewis; HOK - Sacramento Bee (California)

Call for entries: 2010 Ceramic Tiles of Italy Design Competition; cash prizes + 5-day trip to Bologna, Italy, to attend CERSAIE 2010, no fee or limit for entries; deadline: February 19, 2010 - Ceramic Tiles of Italy

Starck naked: The King of Design bares his soul: He's made millions designing chairs, hotels, yachts -- and even loo brushes. But Philippe Starck reckons he's been misunderstood all these years...."I regret to not be more useful...The weapon of design is not enough of a weapon. We need to invent a better weapon." - Independent (UK)

Rotating hotel as centerpiece in Croatia: Šolta Island will be home to Europe's first rotating hotel...The full development is comprised a new build marina and resort which will include the hotel, guest pavilions and villas. -- Richard Hywel Evans/Studio RHE [images] - World Architecture News (UK)

Market Research Strategies in Uncertain Times #4: Client Research - The Secret to Turning Prospects into Clients: If you carry on a dialog from an informed position, you will project confidence and immediately earn a position of trust. By Frances Gretes - ArchNewsNow

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