Today's News - Tuesday, April 2, 2013

- In our third Nuts + Bolts, Whitehorn puts a focus on the future: Business forecasts are looking brighter, but steady, measured growth is still your best strategy for success.
- de Monchaux offers a most interesting take on Ito's Pritzker win: while it "acknowledges his indisputable skill and endurance, the prize also illuminates some of the deep weirdness of architecture as a profession" (sharp elbows and "hungry hustlers" included).
- Saffron reports on the growing support behind efforts to give Denise Scott Brown her long- overdue Pritzker (tool around the petition site and you'll find some heavy hitters like Hadid, Mousavi, Rashid, Antonelli, Baan, Whiting, etc.).
- Wainwright wanders and wonders the 2013 Capital of Culture: will Marseille's €6 billion in "flashy new architecture" (some of it "embarrassingly shouty," some "enigmatic") prove "the power of spectacle over long-term, joined-up thinking" - how far this will filter out into the impoverished peripheries is questionable.
- Lubell takes us on a tour of contemporary Parisian architecture by the "latest crop of French architects producing some of the best new work the city has seen."
- Heathcote cheers The Shed at London's Southbank Centre, "built more like a theatrical project than an architectural one. It is an architecture of possibilities" (and perhaps a better way to go for the rest of the complex?).
- Prince Charles taps Poundbury architect to design the 350-home Fen Meadow development in Hampshire (it will not be a Poundbury replica, says he - time (and eventual) images will tell...).
- Betsky and Hart take on architecture and memory - in two very different ways.
- Wainwright makes his pick for the best of the spring season in architecture and design.
- NYC AIDS Memorial final design is unveiled (not at all similar to winning design and nary a tree in sight - time to re-think the name "Infinite Forest.")
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- An eyeful of "tree wood" by Toshihiro Oki Architect, winner of the 2nd Annual "Folly" Competition (tree included).
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- Call for entries: Triangle Fire Memorial Design Competition + Deadline extended for Architect mag's 2013 R+D Awards + One we couldn't resist (and one of our faves): Nominations in the 12th Annual America's Best Public Restroom Contest.


Call for entries: Triangle Fire Memorial Design Competition (international); cash prizes; registration deadline: April 12, (submission deadline: April 19)- Remember the Triangle Fire Coalition

Call for entries - Deadline Extended: 7th Annual R+D Awards to honor innovative materials and systems at every scale; deadline now: April 19- Architect Magazine

Call for entries: Nominations in the 12th Annual America's Best Public Restroom Contest; deadline: July 23- Cintas

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