

Today's News - Thursday, June 6, 2013

- Let's get the bad (and grumpy) news out of the way: DS+R's Hirshhorn Bubble is officially burst.
- The Vatican chides church architects "who put awards before God."
- Tagliabue lashes out at "stupid" Holyrood changes, "branding the latest bolt-on 'really cheap'" - but hopes to "rally architects to campaign against further interventions."
- H&deM added to list of respondents in Segal's Israel National Library high court claim.
- Davidson is surprised that the Mariinsky II is "so ostentatiously neutral," and the "intrusion of soft-core modernism in the heart of the imperial city is troubling" (but the acoustics and sightlines are great).
- Poletti ponders the fate of the Asawa fountain in Apple's as yet unclear plans for its San Francisco store on Union Square.
- Brussat is practically upbeat about Newport's newly-reopened Queen Anne Square by Maya Lin: he "found nothing to confirm my belief that a great mistake had been made. But it does have a down side" (of course).
- Stratigakos delves (most eloquently) into the "unforgetting of women architects": Scott Brown "is an important but hardly exceptional example of how female partners are written out of history by a profession suffering from Star Architect Disorder, or SAD" (the Wikipedia wrangle is amusing if it weren't so sad - a great read!) + Q&A with "the champion of Architect Barbie" re: "changing the gender narratives in academia, architecture firms, and beyond."
- Finch cheers RSH+P's "Cheesegrater" as "the most generous public realm contribution to London for many years. It sets standards that few are likely to emulate."
- Hadid and AECOM now on board as "design consultants" to Speer's 2022 FIFA World Cup Stadium in Qatar.
- Makower reports on an "innovation collaborative" formed between McDonough and America's largest waste hauler "aimed at advancing and improving recyclability."
- Might-be-winners all: Five finalists in ULI Urban Open Space Award Competition + City of Sydney Lord Mayor's Prize finalists + New London Awards 2013 shortlist (130 projects is a longggg shortlist!) + Fast Co.'s "100 Most Creative People in Business 2013" include Balmori (#3), Ai Weiwei (#16), and Marino (#60).
- Call for entries: J. Timothy Anderson Awards for Excellence in Historic Rehabilitation ("The Timmys") + Healthcare Design's 2013 Remodel/Renovation Competition.

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[Smithsonian, Hirshhorn end 'Bubble' project: The Seasonal Inflatable Structure project...is dead...caps years of high-level debate and division...Richard Koshalek...will step down June 29... -- Diller Scofidio + Renfro - Washington Post](#)

[Vatican criticises church architects who put awards before God: Architects 'don't consult with congregations', says cardinal...Richard Meier, Mario Botta and Massimiliano Fuksas, who all have recent churches in Italy, were singled out... - BD/Building Design \(UK\)](#)

[Miralles' widow demands end to 'stupid' Holyrood changes: Benedetta Tagliabue has vowed to protect Scotland's Stirling Prize-winning parliament building from further modifications...the foundation set up two years ago to honour Enric Miralles would rally architects to campaign against further interventions, branding the latest bolt-on 'really cheap'. -- EMBT; RMJM \[images\]- The Architects' Journal \(UK\)](#)

[Herzog & de Meuron named in Rafi Segal's Israel National Library high court claim: Swiss stars added to list of respondents in high court claim to competition award brought by Israeli architect ousted from prestigious library scheme. -- Bing Wang/HyperBina - The Architects' Journal \(UK\)](#)

[The Maestro's New House: ...conductor Valery Gergiev's opera house thrills audiences amid ongoing discord. Almost any route through St. Petersburg leads among florid palazzos...so it's surprising that...Mariinsky II...should be so ostentatiously neutral...intrusion of soft-core modernism in the heart of the imperial city is troubling...Everything about the architecture is tentative—even the attempt to be self-effacing... By Justin Davidson -- Diamond Schmitt Architects \[slide show\]- Architectural Record](#)

[Fountain fans say Apple's S.F. store plans all wet:...could be in for a public fight...over preliminary plans for a new store in San Francisco's Union Square. ...John King wrote a blistering critique...plans calls for the removal of a beloved bronze folk art fountain by Ruth Asawa...it is not clear...where Apple and the Hyatt would...move the fountain. By Therese Poletti -- Foster + Partners \[images\]- MarketWatch](#)

[Did Newport dodge Maya Lin bullet? ...I entered the newly reopened Queen Anne Square with considerable skepticism. But I found nothing in its appearance to confirm my belief that a great mistake had been made...That \[the park\] isn't quite the monstrosity that critics had every reason to fear is a very good thing. But it does have a down side. By David Brussat \[images\]- Providence Journal \(Rhode Island\)](#)

[Unforgetting Women Architects: From the Pritzker to Wikipedia: The painful cancellation of Denise Scott Brown in the awarding of the Pritzker Prize solely to...Robert Venturi, is an important but hardly exceptional example of how female partners are written out of history by a profession suffering from Star Architect Disorder, or SAD. By Despina Stratigakos - Places Journal](#)

[Despina Stratigakos on Women in Architecture: Architectural historian and the champion of Architect Barbie, Despina Stratigakos discusses the status of women in architecture, the need for a supportive professional community...and changing the gender narratives in academia, architecture firms, and beyond. - Abitare](#)

[The most generous public realm contribution to the City for many years: The 'Cheesegrater' embraces ideas about architecture, planning and the public: ...a speculative office development of extraordinary quality, built in an exemplary way by Laing O'Rourke, with engineering by Arup. It sets standards that few are likely to emulate. By Paul Finch -- Rogers Stirk Harbour - The Architects' Journal \(UK\)](#)

[AECOM and Zaha Hadid Architects secure Al Wakrah Stadium contract for 2022 FIFA World Cup Stadium in Qatar: ...selected to act as design consultants...sustainability is integral to this scheme. -- Albert Speer & Partner \[image\]- World Architecture News \(UK\)](#)

[Bill McDonough and Waste Management form innovation collaborative: Can the famed sustainable designer and America's largest waste hauler help customers close the loop? ...the Waste Management-McDonough Sustainable Innovation Collaborative aimed at advancing and improving recyclability... By Joel Makower - GreenBiz](#)

[Tightening the City Fabric: ULI Announces Five Finalists in Urban Open Space Award Competition: Projects in D.C., Los Angeles, Nashville, New York, and Vancouver on Short List for \\$10,000 Award:](#)

...created through the generosity of Amanda M. Burden, NYC Planning Commissioner and 2009 ULI J.C. Nichols Prize laureate... -- Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates; Hargreaves Associates; PWL Partnership Landscape Architects; M. Paul Friedberg & Partners; Sasaki Associates [links to images, info]- Urban Land Institute (ULI)

City of Sydney Lord Mayor's Prize finalists in this year's NSW Architecture Awards: ...will be awarded to the project that improves the quality of the public domain through architectural or urban design excellence... -- Johnson Pilton Walker; Francis-Jones Morehen Thorp (fjmt)/ASPECT Studios/Lend Lease; Caldis Cook Group; Environa Studio; Tony Caro Architecture [images]- Architecture & Design (Australia)

New London Awards 2013 shortlist announced: 130 projects across 14 categories has been selected, recognising the very best in architecture, planning and development in the capital. - New London Architecture/NLA

The 100 Most Creative People In Business 2013 -- Diana Balmori/Balmori Associates (#3); Ai Weiwei (#16); Peter Marino (#60)- Fast Company

Call for entries: J. Timothy Anderson Awards for Excellence in Historic Rehabilitation; deadline: August 9 - National Housing & Rehabilitation Association (NH&RA)

Call forentries: Healthcare Design's 2013 Remodel/Renovation Competition; deadline: June 26- Healthcare Design magazine



Sambuichi Architects: Inujima Seirenscho Art Museum, Inujima, Higashi-ku, Okayama, Japan: Recycling the Remnants of History

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