Today's News - Thursday, November 6, 2014

- ANN Feature: Pedersen weighs in on "Spaceship Lucas" landing in Chicago: "Given the civic importance of the site, it's difficult to imagine how this vision won't stir up a lot of very vocal opposition to it. And rightly so."

- Kamin has his own concerns about "an architectural mountain on city's lakefront," including the cladding that "could either enhance the Lucas Museum's relationship to the classically inspired temples of the Museum Campus or make it a leaden presence."

- Bernstein's musings on the Lucas Museum: "Is this, in the Venturi lexicon, more duck than decorated shed? More Hutt than decorated hut?"

- Wainwright parses the virulent response to Hadid's now less-expansive - and monumentally less-expensive - 2020 Olympic stadium in Tokyo: her "downsized scheme has done little to appease the project's critics."

- Paine reports on Farrell's Utzon Lecture, where she raised some interesting questions, such as can buildings "be forces of good? Does the geometry of place have any moral quality?"

- Yost makes the argument that "a plaza is no guarantee of democracy. So when Hadid says that architects aren't responsible for the social context that surrounds their buildings, she might have a point. But citizens are responsible - and that's all of us."

- The Housing Partnership Network uses Wall Street tactics to devise a REIT that "levels the playing field for non-profits trying to compete for properties" to keep them affordable: "This is the poster child for a property that's at risk of being gentrified."

- It's looking like the Louisiana Children's Museum Early Learning Village is (finally) "for the moment, on track."

- Bernstein fills us in on a lot of personal (and often amusing and/or surprising) details about Fujimoto, WSJ Magazine's 2014 Architecture Innovator of the Year.

- King reports on KPF's towering plans around the S.F. Chronicle HQ: a "bold vision that aims to be large-scale and idiosyncratic at once" (straight lines and sleek glass walls not included).

- WSJ Magazine's Architecture Innovator of the Year: Sou Fujimoto's Futuristic Spaces: [His] designs eschew the predictable...
and often force viewers to relate to space in a new way, making the Tokyo-based architect a hero in his field. By Fred A. Bernstein [images]- Wall Street Journal

Charlie Rose to receive 2014 Vincent Scully Prize for contribution to architecture: The National Building Museum honors broadcaster...for his work exploring the value of good design..."I have a special place for the men and women who inspire us with the buildings they create." By Peggy McGlone [links to Rem Koolhaas and Tom Pritzker & Shigeru Ban interviews]- Washington Post

Australian Institute of Architects/AIA 2014 National Architecture Awards: Community-oriented projects dominated...43 awards and commendations were presented to 36 projects...The jury...was particularly impressed with the volume and calibre of public buildings in this year's crop. -- Richard Kirk Architect HASSELL Joint Venture; Breathe Architecture; Denton Corker Marshall; Johnson Pilton Walker; Lippmann Partnership/Rogers Stirk Harbour & Partners; spaceagency; Tonkin Zulaikha Greer Architects; Marra + Yeh Architects; BVN Donovan Hill; Neeson Murcutt Architects; John Wardle Architects + Terroir; etc. - Architecture & Design (Australia)

Morgan McDonnell Architecture scoops 2014 RIAS Doolan Award for Edinburgh scheme: Advocate’s Close praised for being ‘intricately woven’ into fabric of upper Old Town...£25,000 prize, for the best building of the year in Scotland, is the richest in UK architecture...award ceremony was also a chance to honour Andy MacMillan, the jury chairman... [images]- Building Design (UK)

ONE Prize 2014 Winners: Smart Dock, an educational facility within the Brooklyn Navy Yard’s renovated Building 128, slated to open in September 2015; winning teams from London, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Seoul, South Korea, and Milwaukee- Terreform ONE

Help wanted: Director of The Architecture Foundation, London; application deadline: December 1- The Architecture Foundation (UK)

Call for entries (registration deadline extended!): 2nd Annual Best Of Design Awards: open to U.S. and international architects, but projects submitted must be located within the United States; registration deadline: November 14 (submission deadline: December 7)-- The Architect's Newspaper


-- Book review: "L'Architecture Sauvage - Asger Jorn's Critique and Concept of Architecture" by Ruth Baumeister. By Jakob Harry Hybel

-- 7 Stunning Examples of Sports Architecture -- Dominique Perrault; Santiago Calatrava; PTW; Kisho Kurokawa; Zaha Hadid; Berger + Parkinen; Eduardo Souto de Moura

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