

Today's News - Monday, January 11, 2016

EDITOR'S NOTE: We are honored to have been invited to participate in SMPS-NY's "Principal's Breakfast: Real Estate & Construction Market Forecast" tomorrow - the operative word being "breakfast," meaning we will not be posting the newsletter; we'll be back Wednesday, January 13 (just in time for the Pritzker announcement!).

- A sad way to start the week: "Scottish architecture has lost one of its brightest young stars" with the passing of Gareth Hoskins at only 48 (and rock icon David Bowie - mentioned only because...how could we not!).
- "Who could (and should) win?": Curbed and Arch Record offer their predictions for this year's Pritzker Prize winner, to be announced Wednesday morning (Holl leads both polls - vote!).
- Architects, critics, curators, and editors offer their design forecasts that include "anti-ownership, holography, and revisiting hippie values."
- Perkovic picks the "13 most anticipated buildings of 2016 - it is destined to be a good year for architecture."
- The new year is "primed to be a great year for global tourists in search of the next big thing" with 9 "awesome" attractions set to open.
- Safdie pens a most thoughtful editorial re: urban density, planning, and towering designs: "Neither the prevailing tower designs nor current planning practice world-wide are able to cope with the new reality."
- Lam is most eloquent re: Siza's "social vision": "Architects rarely have the influence to affect housing policy. However, given the opportunity, their role in conscientiously consulting with marginalized clients and designing the right kinds of places is crucial."
- Eyefuls of an urban dump in Chile transformed into a performance space that "not only recovered Valparaiso's heritage within an abandoned lot but have made it a tool for cultural growth."
- The Mumbai slum made famous by "Slumdog Millionaire" is getting a slum museum: "But is a museum showcasing objects created by slum residents ethical or exploitative?"
- Jaffe has some issues with a "bold" \$3 billion plan to "transform America's most-despised train hall [a.k.a. Penn Station] into an angelic Empire Station Complex" in NYC.
- Gang explains "how to build a 'post-Ferguson' police station."
- BIG's next big project could be a new stadium for the Washington Redskins, though the "team's efforts have been hampered by its unwillingness to change its name."
- Saffron cheers UPenn's efforts to turn Richards Labs "into the building Louis Kahn wanted it to be."
- Hénault hails a new theater on the St. Lawrence River that "demonstrates the stunning achievements possible through open design competitions - Laurendeau's resilience through the process made this improbable gem a reality."
- Moore lists his 10 favorite concrete buildings (with apologies to some notable "magicians with concrete" who didn't make the cut).
- The president of India's Council of Architecture says it's time to stop allowing non-architects to design buildings: "It is a question of five years of learning versus non-learning" - with cheers to the government's plans to open more architecture schools - "every State wants one."
- Q&A with Michell and Sharpe: "The organizers of the long-overdue Black in Design Conference explain how the event addressed social injustice through design."
- Three winners share First Prize in the "From Border to Home" competition "seeking solutions to the challenge of housing asylum-seekers."

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[Gareth Hoskins \(1967-2016\): Scottish architect has died aged 48: ..suffered a heart attack during a fencing match...“Scottish architecture has lost one of its brightest young stars.” -- Hoskins Architects - BD/Building Design \(UK\)](#)

[Pritzker Prize 2016 Predictions: Who Could \(And Should\) Win? ...it solidifies an architect's work in the firmament and promotes him \(or her, though only twice!\) to the status of legend...shapes the history and interpretation of the profession, making it a reflection of the greater goals and achievements of architects....Front Runners + Other Candidates Who Should be In the Running + Poll- Curbed](#)

[2016 Pritzker Prize Poll: Who will win? ...will be announced Wednesday, January 13 at 10 a.m...Arch Record's top picks - cast your vote.- Architectural Record](#)

[Design Forecast: Anti-ownership, holography, and revisiting hippie values: Curators, critics, experts, designers, and Metropolis editors share their predictions for the year ahead. -- Aaron Betsky; Monica Ponce de Leon; Louise Schouwenberg; Christopher Turner; Paul Makovsky; Anthony Flint; Beatrice Leanza; Susan S. Szenasy; etc.- Metropolis Magazine](#)

[13 Most Anticipated Buildings of 2016: Some hotly anticipated buildings are scheduled for completion...meaning that it is destined to be a good year for architecture. By Jana Perkovic -- Jean Nouvel; Santiago Calatrava; Vincent Callebaut; Rem Koolhaas/Office for Metropolitan Architecture/OMA; Fernando Romero/FR-EE; Herzog & de Meuron; Snohetta; David Adjaye/The Freelon Group/David Brody Bond/SmithGroup; Foster + Partners; Kohn Pedersen Fox/KPF; Coop Himmelb\(l\)au \[images\]- Artinfo](#)

[Coming soon: 9 of the best attractions opening in 2016: ...primed to be a great year for global tourists in search of the next big thing. -- Tilla Theus und Partner; Snohetta; Jean Nouvel; etc.- CNN](#)

[How to Build a Better City: How crowded should or can cities get? What should be driving tower design? ...do we need new tools for a new era of mega-scale construction? Neither the prevailing tower designs nor current planning practice world-wide are able to cope with the new reality. The quality of life within towers is wanting. We still treat them, at best, as sculpture, and at worst, as utilitarian vertical extrusions of space. By Moshe Safdie/Safdie Architects- Wall Street Journal](#)

[Editorial: Álvaro Siza's Social Vision: Architects rarely have the influence to affect housing policy. However, given the opportunity, their role in conscientiously consulting with marginalized clients and designing the right kinds of places is crucial. \["Corner, Block, Neighbourhood, Cities: Álvaro Siza in Berlin and The Hague" at the Canadian Centre for Architecture/CCA\] By Elsa Lam - Canadian Architect magazine](#)

[How architects and artists turned an urban dump in Chile into a performance space: Sitio Eriazo and the \[Oslo School of Architecture and Design's\] Scarcity and Creativity Studio not only recovered Valparaiso's heritage within an abandoned lot but have made it a tool for cultural growth. \[images\]- The Architect's Newspaper](#)

[Mumbai Is Getting a Slum Museum: But is a museum showcasing objects created by slum residents ethical or exploitative? It became internationally known after it became the setting for "Slumdog Millionaire"...Design Museum Dharav...“We believe that the objects made in Dharavi could be as valuable as those collected by design museums.”- Smithsonian magazine](#)

[The New Penn Station Will Inherit an Old Problem: ...a bold plan for the \\$3 billion transit hub - but is it a complete one? ...take that general hatred of Penn Station, and add a pretty drawing of what it might become, and you've got a development offer no sane New Yorker is going to refuse...to transform America's most-despised train hall into an angelic Empire Station Complex. If the vision holds true to the renderings, the new Penn will be filled with light, air, and the end of all rudeness and haste. By Eric Jaffe \[images\]- CityLab \(formerly The Atlantic Cities\)](#)

[How to build a "post-Ferguson" police station: With a radical new design, Chicago architect Jeanne Gang aims to repair the](#)

[trust between communities and cops. \[video\]- Politico](#)

[Washington Redskins advance plans to relocate, hire Google's architect for new stadium: ...team's stadium efforts, however, have been hampered by its unwillingness to change its name, which many Native American groups consider a racist slur. -- BIG - Bjarke Ingels Group- Washington Post](#)

[Turning Richards Labs into the building Louis Kahn wanted it to be: ...the clutch of brick towers was celebrated in a solo show at New York's MoMA in 1961...The dirty secret is that University of Pennsylvania's scientists hated Richards from the day they moved in...renovation - executed by a large cast of architecture and engineering firms - has stripped the labs of their manic clutter... By Inga Saffron \[images\]- Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

[Open Stage on the St. Lawrence: Amphithéâtre Trois-Rivières: An riverside theatre by Paul Laurendeau Architect in joint venture with Beauchesne Architecture Design demonstrates the stunning achievements possible through open design competitions: Ultimately, it was Laurendeau's attention to the most minute details and his resilience through the process that made this improbable gem a reality. By Odile Hénault -- Peter Soland \[images\]- Canadian Architect magazine](#)

[The 10 best concrete buildings: From the awe-inspiring Pantheon to a Chilean cliff-top villa...Apologies to Tadao Ando, Denys Lasdun, Robert Maillart, Oscar Niemeyer, Zaha Hadid, Rachel Whiteread, Pier Luigi Nervi, Marcel Breuer, Frank Lloyd Wright, and Sverre Fehn, all of them magicians with concrete... By Rowan Moore -- Le Corbusier; Félix Candela; Clorindo Testa; Anatole de Baudot; Lina Bo Bardi; Álvaro Siza; Herzog & de Meuron; Antoni Gaudí; Pezo von Ellrichshausen \[images\]- Observer \(UK\)](#)

['Let architects design buildings': ..."even non-architects design buildings...How can non-architects design buildings?" It is a question of five years of learning versus no-learning...government has plans to open a few more...Schools of Planning and Architecture...every State wants one. -- Uday Gadkari/Council of Architecture- The Hindu \(India\)](#)

[Q&A: Cara Michell and Courtney D. Sharpe on the Urgency of the Black in Design Conference: The organizers of the long-overdue symposium explain how the event addressed social injustice through design.- Metropolis Magazine](#)

[First Prize in the "From Border to Home" Competition Shared by Three Winners from Finland, Germany, and Italy: ...seeking solutions to the challenge of housing asylum-seekers. -- Duy Tran/Lukas Beer/Ksenija Zdesar/Otto Beer; Society Lab/Cecilia Danieli/Omri Revesz/Mariana Riobom; We house refugees/Mija Lindberg/Christopher Erdman/A-Konsultit Oy Architects - Museum of Finnish Architecture / Finnish Association of Architects SAFA](#)



[Coop Himmelb\(l\)au: Dalian International Conference Center, Dalian, China: A multi-functional "small city within a city" with conference and event rooms for 7,000 visitors. A landmark for the prospering harbor city. By Kirsten Kiser -- Wolf D. Prix](#)

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