

## Today's News - Thursday, October 20, 2011

- Leigh is disappointed with the King memorial: it "was conceived for monumental effect. Sad to say, it's merely big...monumental intentions have gone unfulfilled."
- The RIAS Andrew Doolan Best Building in Scotland Award announces a 13-strong shortlist.
- Olcayto is not very impressed: "The Doolan shortlist is worthy of attention, just don't pretend it's world class."
- He's kinder to Koolhaas's "doughnut-shaped, non-cozy" Maggie's Centre in Glasgow: "How to design for death still has a way to go. Yet there are gentle allusions to how this might be done."
- A new addition to the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts is "a marvel of both innovation and common sense" which "seems rarely to characterize museum expansions, but for once, simply and beautifully, it prevailed."
- Esplund gives (mostly) thumbs-up to the renovation of NYC's National Academy Museum & School that "in the process tests its institutional identity...Thanks to the redesign, its body appears ready. What matters more - and is yet to be seen - is the state and evolution of its soul."
- The winners of this year's Evergreen Awards "reveal an intriguing commonality" (great presentation).
- Houston gets its first LEED Platinum tower.
- Zakout offers eye-fuls of the Top 10 tech company office spaces: "These designs are so much more than just aesthetic quality; they have pretty important social implications."
- Eye-fuls of four firms' projects that "apply bold materials to elevate modest surroundings."
- McGuigan, Anderton, Pearlman, and others reflect on Steve Jobs' impact on architecture and design.
- A battle is brewing around who should design a new library for Birmingham, AL, to replace one destroyed by a tornado: the mayor picked an out-of-towner, but why not choose local firm that designed the original?
- Gehry gathers a bevy of starchitects in a new strategic alliance: it's "a group of my friends who believe in this mission as much as I do."
- CTBUH names an architect to sit as Chairman for the first time in its 43-year history.
- Two we couldn't resist: Occupy Wall Street has engendered a field manual dealing with town planning principles that includes directions for building a "bylaw-resistant shelter" ("hopefully there will be some examples soon").
- A mathematician manages to piece back together an enormous (and magnificent) Padua church fresco almost destroyed in a 1944 bombing raid.
- Call for entries: Gardner Museum Fellowship in Landscape Studies 2012 open to emerging design talent from across the design disciplines.

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In Search of Dr. King: ...the portrait was conceived for monumental effect. Sad to say, it's merely big...Far from defining King as a man - or as the dominant figure in America's civil-rights movement - it barely resembles him. And without a successful portrait, you don't have much of a monument...In short, monumental intentions have gone unfulfilled at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial. By Catesby Leigh -- Lei Yixin; Roma Design Group- Washington Post

Doolan prize shortlist unveiled: ...13-strong shortlist in the running for the largest cash prize contest in British architecture; this year's RIAS Andrew Doolan Best Building in Scotland Award. By Richard Waite -- Austin-Smith: Lord; SBA Architects; PagePark Architects; Reiach and Hall Architects; Gaia Architects; Richard Gibson Architects; Nicoll Russell Studios; JM Architects; Simon Winstanley Architects; Malcolm Fraser Architects; Gareth Hoskins Architects; 7N Architects/RankinFraser Landscape Architecture; LDN Architects [images]- The Architects' Journal (UK)

The Stirling Prize was right to ignore the Scots: The Doolan shortlist is worthy of attention, just don't pretend it's world class...Reiach and Hall's Dundee House is the only project that might rightly be considered for the Stirling. And there is at least - at least - one project that should be nowhere near it...the Doolan prize is in danger of becoming overly sentimental; a certain folksy pride seems to be blurring reasonable judgement. By Rory Olcayto- The Architects' Journal (UK)

Maggie's Centre, Gartnavel Hospital, Glasgow by OMA: Rem Koolhaas has typically broken with convention with his doughnut-shaped, non-cosy Maggie's Centre. And where's the kitchen? ...the kitchen is dead; long live the promenade. How to design for death, however, still has a way to go. Yet there are gentle allusions to how this might be done...in the notion of wandering an infinite corridor with an ever-shifting perspective on the outside world. By Rory Olcayto -- Charles Jencks [slid show]- The Architects' Journal (UK)

Montreal Museum of Fine Arts Addition That's a Marvel of Both Innovation and Common Sense: As far as museum expansions go, the new Claire and Marc Bourgie Pavilion of Quebec and Canadian Art is not much to look at. But herein lies its charm...you'd swear the new building had been here for years...Common sense seems rarely to characterize museum expansions, but for once, simply and beautifully, it prevailed. -- Provencher Roy + Associés Architectes [slide show]- Artinfo

Modernizing the Academy: The National Academy Museum & School renovates its galleries and in the process tests its institutional identity...Legacy matters...Thanks to the redesign, its body appears ready. What matters more - and is yet to be seen - is the state and evolution of its soul. By Lance Esplund -- Bade Stageberg Cox; Pentagram - Wall Street Journal

The 2011 Evergreen Awards: Living Lessons: A cursory glance at the winners of this year's Evergreen Awards reveals an intriguing commonality: All have a connection to sustainable-design education. -- Hopkins Architects/Centerbrook Architects; Dan Rockhill/Studio 804; Geoffrey Thun; Miller Hull Partnership; William (Bill) Browning [links to info, slidw shows]- Eco-Structure magazine

Downtown tower gets exclusive environmental rating: BG Group Place...has been certified LEED Platinum...As an Energy Star building, BG Group Place is supposed to operate 53% more energy efficient than the average office building... -- Pickard Chilton [image]- Houston Chronicle

New Corporate Culture: Top 10 Tech Company Office Spaces: If sustainability is contemporary architecture's 'thing,' the high priests of Internet-based businesses have in fact brought about a trend of human-directed sustainability in the architectural and interior design of office spaces...These designs are so much more than just aesthetic quality; they have pretty important social implications. By Adel Zakout -- Scott Brownrigg; Studio O+A; pS Arkitektur; Za Bor Architects; Because We Can; Chris Erickson/Parliament Design; Camenzind Evolution [slide shows]- Huffington Post

Flights of Fancy: Four firms apply bold materials to elevate modest surroundings -- Karim Rashid; Lifschutz Davidson Sandilands; Moss & Lam; Studio O+A [slide shows]- Architectural Record

The Apple of Our Eye: ...Steve Jobs' impact on the architecture profession and the world at large...While Apple fanatics everywhere fret about the company's future without him, architects especially can appreciate the Jobs ethos: How a design looks is inseparable from how it works. By Cathleen McGuigan -- Peter Bohlin; Norman Foster- Architectural Record

DnA/Frances Anderton: From Calligraphy Buff to Design Guru: Steve Jobs Remembered: ...Chee Pearlman explains what "design" meant to Jobs and his chief collaborator, Jonathan Ive. -- April Greiman/Made in Space; Lorraine

[Wild/Green Dragon Office; Andrew Byrom; Keith Scharwath\[images, links\]](#)- KCRW (Los Angeles)

[Plans on hold to rebuild Birmingham library branch destroyed by tornado: ...what started out as a routine item stretched into a lengthy debate when Councilwoman...questioned Mayor's pick of an out-of-town architect over local firm which designed the original library. -- Fusion Architecture; Davis Architects](#) - The Birmingham News (Alabama)

[Gehry Technologies Forms Strategic Alliance of Architects To Promote Technological Integration: ...roster contains some of the biggest names in architecture. "I have gathered a group of my friends together who believe in this mission as much as I do..." -- David Childs/Skidmore, Owings & Merrill \(SOM\); Massimo Colomban/Permasteelisa.com Group; Zaha Hadid; Patrik Schumacher; Greg Lynn; Laurie Olin; Wolf D. Prix/COOP HIMMELB\(L\)AU; David Rockwell/Rockwell Group; Moshe Safdie; Matthias Schuler/TRANSSOLAR Energietechnik; Ben van Berkel/UNStudio; Richard Saul Wurman](#) - Engineering News-Record (ENR)

[NBBJ's Timothy Johnson becomes first architect to sit as Chairman of the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitats \(CTBUH\)](#) - World Architecture News (UK)

[Occupy Together Field Manual: Town Planning Principles: Town Planners are invited to add their stories here...A bylaw-resistant shelter...hasn't been tested in the real World yet, but hopefully there will be some examples soon.](#) - Occupy Together Self-Sustaining Community for Long-Term Activism

[Using Math To Piece Together a Lost Treasure: In 1944, a bombing raid almost completely destroyed an enormous Padua church fresco that dated back to the Renaissance...Some 88,000 tiny pieces of plaster were rescued from the rubble, and a mathematician has managed to piece some of the masterpiece back together. -- Massimo Fornasier \[slide show\]](#)- Der Spiegel (Germany)

[Call for entries: Gardner Museum Fellowship in Landscape Studies 2012: ...new initiative is intended to recognize and foster emerging design talent from across the design disciplines whose work embodies the potentials for landscape as a medium of public works; deadline: December 15-](#) Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

[Mixing It Up with Elders: An Interview with Byron Kuth and Liz Ranieri: "In its current state, the senior living industry is all about isolating senior communities from the larger communities around them. We're proposing a very different social structure."](#) [images]- ArchNewsNow.com



[Exhibition: "Zaha Hadid: Form in Motion," Philadelphia Museum of Art](#)

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