

## Today's News - Wednesday, March 13, 2013

- Goldberger is more than heartened by SHoP's "radical - and terrific - re-design" for Brooklyn's old Domino sugar site, a hopeful sign that developers "just might, at long last, be starting to shake themselves free of the mediocre and confining design models they have been using forever."
- Hume hails Hariri Pontarini's six-skyscraper plan for what is now a Toronto parking lot: it's "an elegant attempt to turn a dreary but ideally situated site into a genuine waterfront destination."
- Pearman finds much to like in FCBS's "surprisingly big and bold" plans for London's Southbank Centre: "I like what I see and it looks logical, achievable, even desirable. Do it" (of course, the devil is in the details).
- Wainwright, on the other hand, is not so enthusiastic about Adjaye's Hackney Fashion Hub: he worries whether it "will only increase Hackney's social inequalities...lubricating the path for a wealthy private developer" to turn it into "a duty-free shopping lounge" (some local business owners agree).
- Hawthorne takes to TV to "slam" some of L.A.'s "iconic public places. He calls them depressing, dispiriting eyesores - punchlines. And he has some ideas for improving them."
- An eyeful of 11 starchitect-designed projects remaking the Miami skyline.
- An eyeful of Norten's newly-renovated Amparo Museum in Mexico, which he describes as "making a city park out of the collection."
- More on efforts to save Philly's 1963 Police HQ (a.k.a. the Roundhouse), originally "designed with noble ideals in mind": "Now, city planners are sketching out a plan for the near future that would wipe it off the map."
- Badger reports on Chattanooga as a test case for the next generation of streetlights that does so much more than light the streets (Coolidge Park now has "Frisbee leagues at 11:00 at night").
- Lighting-design maven Tillett waxes eloquently about how "fear rules nighttime lighting solutions in public spaces. If we use light not simply to illuminate, but animate the dark, we can achieve more safety for more people without using larger and larger quantities of light."
- Sadler compares Jobs with Koolhaas and their shared "will to learn about the world through the attempt to change it" (a fascinating read!).
- Three impressive teams win the Infill Philadelphia: Soak It Up! competition.
- Eyefuls of the winners in the eVolo 2013 Skyscraper Competition (a "Phobia Skyscraper" and floating skyscraper included).
- The first arcVision Prize - Women and Architecture winner hails from Brazil, and three Special Mentions for women architects from Spain, India, and Estonia.
- Call for entries (deadline looms!): Canadian Centre for Architecture's two curatorial opportunities.

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[A Skyline for Williamsburg? The Brooklyn Waterfront Gets a Radical - and Terrific - Re-Design: ...new plan for the section...around the old Domino sugar refinery is one of the most exciting developments New York has seen in a long time...suggests that developers...just might, at long last, be starting to shake themselves free of the mediocre and confining design models they have been using forever... By Paul Goldberger -- Vishaan Chakrabarti/SHoP Architects; James Corner Field Operations - Vanity Fair](#)

[Six-tower plan for 1 Yonge a game-changer for Toronto's waterfront: A hugely ambitious plan for six skyscrapers in what's now a parking lot...The question isn't whether Toronto is growing, but what it's growing into...how high will we go? ...represents an elegant attempt to turn a dreary but ideally situated site into a genuine waterfront destination. By Christopher Hume -- Hariri Pontarini Architects \[images\] - Toronto Star](#)

[Festival Wing and a prayer: new plans for London's Southbank cultural centre: The designs...are surprisingly big and bold but also, in the way of well-thought-out schemes, somehow obvious...subject to that devilish detail - I like what I see and it looks logical, achievable, even desirable. Do it. By Hugh Pearman -- Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios; Dennis Crompton; Rick Mather; Haworth Tompkins \[images\] - HughPearman.com \(UK\)](#)

[Is David Adjaye's Hackney Fashion Hub the answer to post-riot regeneration? It's proclaimed as the East End's answer to Bicester Outlet Village -- but surely this £100m luxury-brand shopping emporium will only increase Hackney's social inequalities...lubricating the path for a wealthy private developer to transform one of the most deprived parts of London into something very much like a duty-free shopping lounge. By Oliver Wainwright \[images\] - Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[How L.A. Can Fix Its Iconic Eyesores: Christopher Hawthorne slams the city's iconic public places, from LAX to the L.A. River to Pershing Square. He calls them depressing, dispiriting eyesores - punchlines. And he has some ideas for improving them. \[video\] - KCET.org \(California\)](#)

[Miami's Development Booming: Top 11 Starchitect-Designs Remaking the Magic City: ...a surge of new projects...are cropping up...And some heavy hitters...have signed up to lend their design sensibility to Miami's changing landscape. -- Zaha Hadid; Herzog & De Meuron; Enrique Norten/TEN Arquitectos; PlusUrbia; Philippe Starck; Grimshaw Architects; Hilario Candela; Bjarke Ingels Group/BIG; Rem Koolhaas/OMA/Raymond Jungles; West 8 \[images, links\] - The Architect's Newspaper](#)

[TEN Arquitectos Celebrates the Opening of Newly Renovated Amparo Museum: A historic collection of colonial buildings receives an update that includes expansive views of the surrounding city of Puebla, Mexico...Enrique Norten described working on the project as "making a city park out of the collection." \[link to slide show, lecture\] - Architect Magazine](#)

[Campaign Under Way To Save Philadelphia's Police Headquarters: ...Police Administration Building ...is one that many Philadelphians love to hate. Now, city planners are sketching out a plan for the near future that would wipe the Roundhouse off the map...Though often perceived today as imposing and grim, the building was designed with noble ideals in mind. -- Geddes Brecher Qualls Cunningham \(1963\) - CBS Philly](#)

[The Streetlight of the Future Will Do So Much More Than Light Your Street: It could also catch criminals, broadcast WiFi and... detect meth labs? Chattanooga's Coolidge Park story suggests that the light-emitting diode \[LED\] at the top of the light pole might actually be the least interesting thing about it. By Emily Badger -- Global Green Lighting - The Atlantic Cities](#)

[Light After Dark: Fear rules nighttime lighting solutions in public spaces: If we use light not simply to illuminate, but animate the dark, to help create social space at night, we can achieve more safety for more people without using larger and larger quantities of light. By Linnaea Tillett \[images\] - Metropolis Magazine](#)

[Steve Jobs: Architect: Simon Sadler compares Jobs with Rem Koolhaas and explores their "shared attraction toward design as a type of hermeneutics -- a will to learn about the world through the attempt to change it...Both are indeed Salon designers, ageless enfant terribles and lightning rods, prompting and giving shape to otherwise formless feelings and debates. -- OMA; Norman Foster/Foster + Partners; Bernard Maybeck; Michael Graves; Bohlin Cywinski Jackson; Joseph Eichler \[images\] - Places Journal](#)

[Three Winning Teams Imagine Sustainable Infrastructure for Infill Philadelphia: Soak It Up! ...design called for creative and sustainable solutions for Philadelphia's stormwater management. -- OLIN Design Studio/Gilmore & Associates/International Consultants/MM Partners/Penn Praxis/SMP Architects; Urban Engineers/Mathews Nielsen Landscape Architects/Spiezle Architectural Group; Roofmeadow/In Posse -- A Subsidiary of AKF/m2 Architecture/Meliora Environmental Design/SED Design/Sere \[images\] - The Architect's Newspaper](#)

Winners eVolo 2013 Skyscraper Competition: ...3 winners and 24 honorable mentions. -- Derek Pirozzi/"Polar Umbrella"; Darius Maikoff/Elodie Godo/"Phobia Skyscraper"; Ting Xu/Yiming Chen/ "Light Park Floating Skyscraper"; etc. [images]-eVolo Magazine

Brazilian Architect Carla Juaçaba named winner of the first arcVision Prize – Women and Architecture, an international social architecture award for female designers instituted by the Italcementi Group: Special Mentions for architects Izaskun Chinchilla (Spain) , Anupama Kundoo (India), and Siiri Vallne (Estonia) [links to images, info]- gnom.es national news service

Call for entries: Canadian Centre for Architecture offers two curatorial opportunities: Young Curator Program and Curatorial Internships; application deadline: April 15- Canadian Architect

Architects Opposing Prisons Gain Support: AIASF and international groups endorse human rights changes to AIA Code of Ethics. By Raphael Sperry, AIA -- Architects/Designers/Planners for Social Responsibility (ADPSR)- ArchNewsNow

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