Today's News - October 24, 2003

Choosing (and not choosing) sides in Ground Zero tower feud. – Agreeing to disagree on opera design. – Hoboken names shortlist for 9/11 memorial. – BusinessWeek/Arch Record name 2003 design award winners. – Only time will tell if Disney Hall is better than Bilbao; the organ looks like a work of art and sounds like a stunner. – Good news: speeding up approvals for Thames Gateway; "drawback": developers will have to meet strict design and environmental standards (drawback?!!?). – The 'burbs in Germany take the architectural high road. – British building big in Qatar. – Virginia Beach Municipal Center: "So close, so far, so here, so nowhere." – Can \$4.4 billion make an airport Toronto's next tourist destination? – ULI student urban design competition carries big purse. – Historic roller coaster inspires pedestrian bridge as engineering marvel. – Weekend diversions: Sert celebrated at Harvard; silver shines in New York; interactive architecture in Dayton; and a master builder fuses photography, architecture, urban design, and Montreal in Ottawa.

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Port Authority dodging Ground Zero tower feud: The fight between architects...over the appearance of the Freedom Tower threatens to delay...aggressive rebuilding timetable. - Daniel Libeskind; David Childs- NY Daily News

Another Inspiration in Ruins: Architect Daniel Libeskind Quits Covent Garden Ring Cycle- Andante

Semi-Finalists Announced for Hoboken September 11th Memorial - Della Valle + Bernheimer Design; dZO (Degre Zero Architecture); Jackie Ferrara/M. Paul Friedberg; FLOW Group; Mehrdad Hadighi; Ralph Lerner/Kate Orff; Jody Pinto/Morris Sato Studio; Frederic Schwartz/Brian Tolle; Alison Sky; Krzysztof Wodiczko- Hoboken September 11th Memorial Fund

BusinessWeek/Architectural Record Awards Announces 2003 Winners - Bohlin Cywinski Jackson; Wendy Evans Joseph; Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates; Elliot + Associates Architects; Atelier Hitoshi Abe; Taller Enrique Norten Arquitectos; Anmahian Winton Architects; Barkow Leibinger Architects; HOK International; Eric Owen Moss Architects- Yahoo News

Shinier than tinsel: Gehry's Disney Concert Hall...But is it better than Bilbao? That question hangs over Los Angeles like its infamous smog. By Inga Saffron-Philadelphia Inquirer

Organomics: Frank Gehry, Manuel Rosales and Caspar von Glatter-Götz pull out the stops: ...although the concert hall may be ready, the organ is not...it will take another eight months- LA Weekly

Block planning approvals proposed for Thames Gateway: Deputy Prime minister Prescott plans to streamline planning...The only drawback for developers is that they would have to meet strict environmental and design standards...- Building (UK)

Looking for architectural finesse in all the wrong places: Gems of new German architecture are more likely to be found in the suburbs than in the inner cities-Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (Germany)

Halcrow wins two major design contracts in Qatar: British multidisciplinary consultant beats off international competition to take projects worth £210m. - Gensler; YRM; Ararta Isosaki; Riccardo Legorreta- Building (UK)

Poetic Justice? Not With This Courthouse: Virginia Beach's Municipal Center Suffers From an Institutional Complex: ...boxy and vaguely Colonial and about as soulful as your average '80s-era high school... [image]- Washington Post

Pearson Airport slugfest no work of art: Louis A. Turpen...invented the concept of turning grubby airports into something akin to tourist destinations. San Francisco was his first masterpiece. His second might be Toronto's Pearson airport-Globe and Mail (Canada)

Urban Land Institute (ULI) Gerald D. Hines Student Urban Design Competition. Application deadline: November 26- Urban Land Institute

New Structure Evokes Memories of the Old Pike: Bridge mimics the Cyclone Racer roller coaster ...assembled by hand from 10,000 aluminum pieces without any welding or bolts - Gossamer Space Frames- Los Angeles Times

'Sertified' Admirers Fete Architect - Josep Lluis Sert- The Harvard Crimson

Silver's Shiny Journey From Craft to Art: "Viennese Silver: "Modern Design, 1780-1918." By Herbert Muschamp [images]- New York Times

"Eyes on Architecture": Dayton Art Institute Opens Interactive Architecture Exhibition November 2- Art Museum Network News

Exhibition: Melvin Charney the master art builder: "an architect by deformation"-Toronto Star

<u>Iconic Arcs: Jubilee Church by Richard Meier & Partners [images]</u>-ArchNewsNow

<u>Urban Aria: Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts - Diamond and Schmitt Architects [images] - ArchNewsNow</u>

-- Opening: Frank O. Gehry & Partners: Walt Disney Concert Hall, Los Angeles -- Tadao Ando Architects: Sayamaike Historical Museum, Osaka, Japan -- Book: The Grand Tour: Travelling the World with an Architect's Eye By Harry Seidler

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