## Today's News - December 13, 2004

ArcSpace takes us to the topping out of Hadid's museum in Denmark. — Sudjic offers one of the more eloquent essays about the possible closing of Cambridge architecture department. — Chinese mayors and Russian developers look to U.S. cities and experts. Study finds smart growth might not be so smart for all Canadians. — Perhaps Toronto's "bureaucratic beast" needs its own version of U.K.'s design czars; the city's historic properties go on line. — Study will see if MassMOCA-like development is a model for other communities. — Good (trophy) design is in the eye of the beholder. — Good, green design taking hold in urban redevelopments and low-income housing in Connecticut, Montreal, and Seattle. — Alsop has them cheering for a "flying rectangle" in Toronto and "big top" children's center in a dark corner of London. — Safdie gives Kansas City a cascading hillside village. — Huxtable says "hooray" (sort of) for the new MoMA; Litt calls it "an elegant wraith." — A distinguished African-American architect is determined to continue to challenge the profession. — Nexus Journal calls for papers for architecture/mathematics conference.

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Zaha Hadid: Topping Out Ceremony, Ordrupgaard Extension, Ordrup, Denmark

Why we must save Britain's Bauhaus: That is bad for architecture, bad for education and terrible for the quality of Britain's cities. By Deyan Sudjic- Observer (UK)

Chinese Mayors Interested in Chattanooga, Tenn., Design Planning Efforts: ...part of 21-day visit to the United States designed to train them in urban planning and development...through a program crafted by the American Institute of Certified Planners.-RIS Media

Tambov, Russia Leaders Tap San Francisco-Based Architecture and Engineering Firms for the Development of a \$350 Million Mixed-Use Project - Hannum Associates; C&B Engineers-Business Wire

Myths About Urban Growth and the Toronto Greenbelt: "Smart Growth" policies conflict with economic growth and hurt lower income Canadians. By Wendell Cox [PDF]- The Fraser Institute (Canada)

Beauty's lost in bureaucratic beast: Department needed for public realm...Mayor's laudable desire to beautify Toronto is doomed to failure unless we come up with a different system of running the place. - By Christopher Hume-Toronto Star

Inventory of Toronto's heritage properties now online- City of Toronto

Researchers examine arts' economic effect: comparing [North Adams] revitalization with other communities that also have arts and culture at their base..."...can this be translated to other communities...?"- Berkshire Eagle (Massachusetts)

Characteristics of Good Design May Reside in the Eye of the Beholder: Landlord/Tenant Design Seminar [questioned] "Does Good Design Make a Trophy Building?" By Roger K. Lewis- Washington Post

Project aims to spur Naugatuck rebirth: ...would turn a vacant or underused swath of downtown...into housing, shops and offices and, potentially...a showpiece for green design and energy independence. - Mark Strauss/Fox & Fowle [image]- Waterbury Republican-American (Connecticut)

Low-Income-Housing Builders See Green: Denny Park, a 50-unit affordable housing project in Seattle...kicks off Enterprise Foundation's Green Communities Initiative...-Runberg Architecture Group-Forbes

Designing at the right price: At the former Lavo factory site in Hochelaga-Maisonneuve, architects came up with an attractive plan for affordable housing units. - Menkes Schooner Dagenais LeTourneux- Montreal Gazette

The Building That Has Toronto Looking Up: The "flying rectangle"...aka the Sharp Centre for Design of the Ontario College of Art and Design, is every bit as astonishing and delightful in real life as it appears in photographs. By Benjamin Forgey - Will Alsop/Robbie Young + Wright [image]- Washington Post

Run away to the circus: Will Alsop's new children's centre has its own 'big top', water garden and outdoor stage. It's a ray of light in a dark corner of London. By Jonathan Glancey- Guardian (UK)

\$80 million West Edge project has office, retail, hotel space: Moshe Safdie chosen to design development...described as a "hillside village" of cascading structures. [images]-Kansas City Star

In MoMA's Big, New, Elegantly Understated Home: ...the right architecture for the Modern...also the right building for New York. MegaMoMA is fail-safe and risk-free. By Ada Louise Huxtable- Wall Street Journal

Architecture for art's sake: MOMA's quiet design sheds light on Modernism...an elegant wraith...a subtle and masterful essay in light and space. By Steven Litt - Yoshio Taniguchi-Cleveland Plain Dealer

No walls too high: At 81, Robert P. Madison is regarded widely as one of the most

distinguished black architects in the United States...Determined to right a legacy of racial wrongs... By Steven Litt- Cleveland Plain Dealer

Call for Papers: VI international, interdisciplinary Nexus conference for architecture and mathematics; deadline: January 15, 2005- Nexus Network Journal

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