

Today's News - June 13, 2006

We're back...and have much catching up to do! — ArcSpace takes us to a Stuttgart museum that goes vr-o-o-o-m. — A not very hopeful look at rebuilding public housing in New Orleans. — Constrained by state rules constrain creativity for new county office complex in Cleveland. — Not-so-strange bedfellows: the army embraces New Urbanism. — The next incarnation of a Virginia trailer park could be a national model. — A competition exhibition offers solutions to greening our 'burbs. — While other large firms have slumped "toward mediocrity," Foster's Manhattan tower offers up "ferocious energy and "confidence in its own values." — A few items re: Toronto's new opera house: there's some sparkle, but ultimately a lost opportunity. — It's architect is "relentless and brilliant...nobody ever said that alpha males are easy." — The staircase, a complex feat of glass engineering that almost wasn't. — Two takes on Lincoln Center's much-needed makeover (and a choice of two very different visions for an atrium). — Extreme makeover for American communes: now they're eco-villages and co-housing communities. — Hadid's take on urbanism and optimism. — A look at her Dancing Towers in Dubai. — London's reborn Roadhouse is more than a theater. — A grand vision for Edinburgh's Cowgate/CoSo. — In Glasgow, new Master's course in urban design combines history and human scale (what a concept!). — A new anthology on sustainability will benefit a good cause. — A stellar shortlist for RIBA's Lubetkin Prize.

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[Locking out New Orleans' poor: Almost a year after Katrina, public housing residents can't return home. Critics blame government negligence -- and hushed plans for big redevelopment \[via Slate\]-](#) Der Spiegel (Germany)

[Short on creativity: Constrained by rules, county foggy about administrative center's design...would be wise to slow down, seek greater flexibility under the state rules that govern architect selection and start over. By Steven Litt -- Pelli, Clarke Pelli/Westlake Reed Leskosky; Davis Brody Bond/Weber Murphy Fox; Richard Fleischman + Partners/FXFowle; Gensler/Vocon; Kohn Pedersen Fox/Robert P. Madison International; Perkins + Will/Wiss, Janney, Elstner-](#) Cleveland Plain Dealer

[New Urbanism: It's in the Army Now: ...the armed services have started running in some surprising architectural circles. -- Calthorpe Associates; Urban Design Associates; Torti Gallas and Partners \[images\]-](#) New York Times

[Habitat for Humanity picks design firms for new \[Charlottesville\] neighborhood: ...the next incarnation of an area trailer park...could serve as a national model. -- Genter Schindler Architecture; The Metropolitan Planning Collaborative-](#) Daily Progress (Virginia)

[Architects show how to green the 'burbs: As the Archetype competition and exhibition at the Design Exchange makes beautifully clear, now there's no excuse. Both the knowledge and technology are available to allow us to build responsibly. By Christopher Hume -- Young + Wright; Montgomery Sisam; Tobias Fellows/Carolyn Jones/Ron Keenberg-](#) Toronto Star

[Norman Foster's New Hearst Tower Rises From Its 1928 Base: Past and present don't fit seamlessly together here; they collide with ferocious energy...deeply comforting: a building with confidence in its own values. By Nicolai Ouroussoff -- Joseph Urban \(1928\); James Carpenter-](#) New York Times

[Nothing to sing about: You get what you pay for, and Toronto's new \[Four Seasons\] opera house is no exception...a lost opportunity to create a symbol of greatness. By Christopher Hume -- Diamond & Schmitt; Fisher Dachs Associates; Soundspace Design \[slide show\]-](#) Toronto Star

[Diamond bright, Diamond hard: Building forged by clashing egos. Creator relentless -- and 'brilliant'...nobody ever said that alpha males are easy. -- Jack Diamond/Diamond & Schmitt-](#) Toronto Star

[Shattered glass staircase shatters nerves: Four Seasons steps may be the most complex feat of glass engineering ever. And it almost wasn't ready in time. -- Diamond + Schmitt; Halcrow Yolles-](#) Globe and Mail (Canada)

[In Lincoln Center's Upgrade, the Main Plaza Gets a Gracious Entrance: ..."We're trying to riff off of some of this 60's stuff..." -- Diller, Scofidio + Renfro; FXFowle Architects-](#) New York Times

[Much-needed makeover at Lincoln Center: \[Diller Scofidio + Renfro/FXFowle\] have wisely muted their radicalism...\[L.C.\] will choose between Morphosis and Tod Williams Billie Tsien Architects \[for\] Harmony Atrium. By Justin Davidson-](#) NY Newsday

[Extreme Makeover, Commune Edition: ...the American commune movement has been expanding since the mid-1990's...known as eco-villages and co-housing communities...Many are started by disaffected baby boomers who have grown weary of car-dependent, McMansion-filled sprawl. -](#) New York Times

[The Future Is How? Architects have no choice but to be optimists. A conversation with Zaha Hadid. \[images\]-](#) New York Magazine

[Business Bay's Dancing Towers unveiled...80 million square feet master development, located along the extension of the Dubai Creek. -- Zaha Hadid \[image\]-](#) AME Info (United Arab Emirates)

[Pink Floyd, David Bowie, the Doors, the Rolling Stones and Oh! Calcutta: all part of the](#)

[history of London's revamped Roundhouse: There's nothing the world of alternative theatre and music loves more than a "found space"... By Hugh Pearman -- John McAslan Architects \[images\]](#)- [HughPearman.com](#) (UK)

[How city life should be built-in: Allan Murray has a vision of confident design for buildings meant to be used and to leave a mark...set to bring the Cowgate back to life...](#)- The Scotsman (UK)

[Traditionalist Planning Education Challenges Modern Design In Europe:a new Master's course in urban design at the Department of Architecture, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, infuses European planning with a much-needed sense of history and human scale-](#) PLANetizen

[Tricycle Anthology Promotes Sustainability: Proceeds from the book "Reverb" will benefit Architecture for Humanity...10 writers share their thoughts on where the interiors industry stands on sustainability in 2006, and where we should be going.](#)- Interior Design Newswire

[RIBA Announces Shortlist For Lubetkin Prize -- Richard Meier & Partners; Allies and Morrison; Moriyma and Teshima Architects/Griffiths Rankin Cook Architects; Foreign Office Architects; Noero Wolff Architects; Behnisch Architekten/architects Alliance; Studio Daniel Libeskind/The Heder Partnership; Grimshaw-](#) Art Daily

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