

Today's News - Tuesday, September 14, 2010

- Toyo Ito named 2010 Praemium Imperiale Laureate in architecture.
- Moore takes on CABE: "Things would be worse if Cabe weren't there," but it "needs to be much less obliging" (otherwise known as "mateyness").
- McLennan and Costello take on our water infrastructure that "is now on the brink of collapse": it's time "to ask ourselves if there isn't a better way to manage our water systems."
- The Minneapolis riverfront will soon be home to a memorial garden to the I-35W bridge disaster: "something beautiful can come out of something so tragic."
- Litt x 2 on Cleveland's waterfronts (part of a national trend): first up - a new public park on the Cuyahoga River; and Rosales tapped for three pedestrian bridges, marking "the period in which Cleveland embraced the idea of pedestrian bridges as works of art."
- Architectural historian Eggener searches small towns for big things and "finds strange objects born of local pride or personal whimsy or sheer tenacity" (great pix).
- The Portrait building is "likely to become Melbourne's most significant or most controversial building" with "an architectural world first": the image of indigenous leader across its 32-story façade "sculpted in light and shade using the building's white concrete balconies" (and we thought Aqua was cool).
- Meanwhile, the University of Technology, Sydney's "largest and most important ceremonial venue" gets a "once-in-a-generation overhaul."
- If everything works out, "Frank Gehry will design a building that will put Hamilton (Canada) on the map" (and give a boost to Pan Am stadium plans?).
- Virginia Tech's Lumenhaus "is about more than just solar power" (or winning the 2010 Solar Decathlon Europe).
- Gray offers an eyeful of some of NYC's historic parking garages that are "far from pedestrian" (and some still hard at work).
- 3-D printing spurs a manufacturing revolution (pretty soon we'll all be able to afford our own machine!).
- A handy round-up of some of the best and most important printed and online publications for landscape architects (and the rest of us who care).
- Call for Expressions of Interest: Victoria & Albert Museum's Exhibition Road Competition.

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Japan Art Association Names 2010 Praemium Imperiale Laureates: Carrying prizes of 15 million yen (approximately \$169,000) each, the awards recognize lifetime achievement in the arts in categories not covered by the Nobel Prizes. -- Toyo Ito [link to info, images]- BusinessWire

Bricks, mortar and mateyness: Britain might have better-designed buildings if key establishment figures stopped cosyng up with each other...Too often Cabe has found itself in the business of ameliorating bad situations, with the result that it has come to look, or be, complicit with them...Things would be worse if Cabe weren't there...But [it] needs to be much less obliging. By Rowan Moore -- Ian Simpson; Ken Shuttleworth/Make; Richard Rogers; BFLS; Richard Simmons; Paul Finch; Broadway Malyan; Ryder Architectural; TP Bennett- Observer (UK)

Water and the Living City: Our water infrastructure...is now on the brink of collapse...Now is the perfect moment to ask ourselves if there isn't a better way to manage our water systems. Is it possible to completely redefine our relationship with water?...need to create a vision for an urban water system that gives much more than it takes. By Jason F. McLennan and Sarah Costello -- Living City Design Competition; Living Building Challenge [images, links]- Metropolis Magazine

Symbol arises out of 35W bridge collapse: The memorial garden to the I-35W bridge disaster will feature a water wall and 13 I-beams...Remembrance Garden will show that "something beautiful can come out of something so tragic" -- Tom Oslund/oslund.and.assoc. [slide shows]- Minneapolis Star Tribune

Creating Rivergate Park: Cleveland Rowing Foundation buys site on Cuyahoga River: ...a new public park...expected to open next summer...will become part of a regional network of trails, pedestrian bridges and parks taking shape along the river... By Steven Litt- Cleveland Plain Dealer

Bridge architect Miguel Rosales lands commissions for three pedestrian bridge projects: Future residents may look back on the next few years as the period in which Cleveland embraced the idea of pedestrian bridges as works of art...part of a national trend in which cities are using multipurpose walkways and trails to connect neighborhoods to cultural amenities, parks and waterfronts. By Steven Litt -- Rosales + Partners; Siteworks; James McKnight Associates [images]- Cleveland Plain Dealer

Size Matters: Small Towns with Big Things: ...architectural historian Keith Eggener notes, "Like claimants to the title of world's tallest building, enormous roadside attractions beg the question 'why?'" He tackles the question, ranging from semiotics to economics to design history, and he finds strange objects born of local pride or personal whimsy or sheer tenacity. [images]- Places Journal

New face of Melbourne rises 32 storeys: ...likely to become Melbourne's most significant or most controversial building...will feature - in an architectural world first - the image of indigenous leader William Barak across its 100-metre-high, sculpted facade...on the Portrait building...tribal chief's face, sculpted in light and shade using the building's white concrete balconies... -- Ashton Raggatt McDougall [image]- The Age (Australia)

Once-in-a-generation overhaul of the Great Hall: ...UTS's largest and most important ceremonial venue..."the opportunity to create a warm, lofty space, with qualities akin to those of a gothic cathedral"...forms part of the UTS City Campus Master Plan. -- DRAW (De Manincor Russell Architectural Workshop); Kann Finch Group [images, links]- University of Technology, Sydney

World-class architect interested in west harbour: ...if everything works out, Frank Gehry will design a building...that will put Hamilton on the map...would add value to the downtown and the waterfront. - The Hamilton Spectator (Canada)

This New House: Virginia Tech's Lumenhaus, which draws inspiration from Mies van der Rohe's Farnsworth House, is about more than just solar power...offers a compelling argument for how to use technology and plain common sense to guarantee that our children and grandchildren can enjoy the same quality of domestic life that we have. By Bob Dunay and Joseph Wheeler [images, links]- New York Times

For the Car, and Far From Pedestrian: Among the ambitious garages built in New York after 1900, some are still hard at work. But even preservationists take them for granted. By Christopher Gray -- Charles Hoppe (1906); Hunt & Hunt (1917); Hector Hamilton (1922); Frank Schefcik (1930); Seelig & Finkelstein (1929); James W. O'Connor (1930); Horace Ginsbern (1930); Ole Singstad (1950) [slide show]- New York Times

3-D Printing Spurs a Manufacturing Revolution: New technology is giving rise to never-before-possible businesses that are selling products like iPhone cases, doorknobs, perfume bottles and architectural models...A California start-up is even working on building houses. [images, video]- New York Times

The best trade magazines for entrepreneurs in landscaping: ...some of the most important printed and online publications for landscape architects. -- European Council of Landscape Architecture Schools (ECLAS); Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (CELA); American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA); Topos/International Review of Landscape Architecture and Urban Design; Green Spaces Forum; International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA)- Helium

Call for entries/Expressions of Interest/EOI: V&A Exhibition Road Competition: create a major new gallery...below street level...a new external courtyard-style space [and] a new entrance into the museum; deadline: October 27- Malcolm Reading Consultants



Richard Meier & Partners: Gagosian Gallery, Beverly Hills, California

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