

## Today's News - Tuesday, February 5, 2013

- Laurie Olin remembers Ada Louise Huxtable with eloquence and warmth (it will make you smile) + McGuigan on the "critic whose passion and insight changed the way we look at the built world."
- Foster finds Kimmelman's "diatribe" against New York Public Library plans to be "both offensive and premature" (so does the library's president).
- Orff's SCAPE makes final cut to design Lexington, KY's new downtown park.
- Hume says hooray for an Alsop condo: it "will not only turn heads, it will wrench necks. It looks like nothing ever seen in Toronto; yet there's no reason to think it won't belong."
- Bjarke goes big and bold in Ft. Lauderdale: "it's not a boring elevation" (but some neighbors are not impressed: "This is so Miami").
- de Botton's School of Life makes its way to Melbourne as a (very cool) pop-up.
- A landscape architect calls for Auckland to "build green defenses against rising seas."
- Hosey explains the "big-firm advantage" when it comes to future of sustainability, which "rests with large collaborative networks, rather than lone visionaries."
- LEED v4 will see some big changes, and the USGBC is looking for pilot projects for the new system (hands-on support included).
- Watanabe's 1996 K-Museum in Tokyo, currently closed, is a "postmodern delight left stranded in the middle of bankrupt developments" - but that may soon change (great pix).
- An architect reflects on Auckland's first skyscraper amidst "rumblings" of its possible demise: it's "an excellent example of the spirit of New Zealand innovation."
- Architecture and politics in the spotlight: Betsky parses Hillary's "more Frank Gehry than formal Greek" statement that creates "a neat binary set: Gehryian complexity versus classical clarity. It is in many ways a false opposition."
- Obama names Michael Graves to U.S. Access Board: "Does that mean that President Obama is a huge fan of Postmodernism? There is almost no other way to interpret the appointment."
- Call for entries for students: :output Award 2013 + WING: World Interiors for the Next Generation.

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Laurie Olin Remembers Ada Louise Huxtable, Champion of Urban Design: With eloquence and warmth, the master landscape architect shares his personal encounters with most notable of critics. - ArchNewsNow

Champion of New and Old: The critic whose passion and insight changed the way we look at the built world...Ada Louise Huxtable... By Cathleen McGuigan- Architectural Record

Foster: Michael Kimmelman's diatribe is "both offensive and premature": Architect responds to critic's attack on New York Public Library plans -- Foster + Partners - BD/Building Design (UK)

New York firm chosen to design Town Branch Commons, a new park to run through downtown Lexington: "Their proposal is not pie in the sky. It is real. It's clearly implementable." -- Kate Orff/SCAPE / Landscape Architecture [image]- Lexington Herald-Leader (Kentucky)

Will Alsop designs Yonge St. condo for North Toronto: Midrise condo...offers a new vision of 21st-century city and its architecture...will not only turn heads, it will wrench necks...It looks like nothing ever seen in Toronto; yet there's no reason to think it won't belong... By Christopher Hume [image]- Toronto Star

Bjarke Ingels behind bold Marina Lofts proposal: But some Fort Lauderdale residents say development would be out of place: The renderings are striking...One of the three Lego-like buildings looks as if a lightning bolt tore through it..."it's not a boring elevation"...But some nearby residents aren't impressed..."This is so Miami. I ain't living by that." -- Bjarke Ingels Group/BIG [image]- Sun Sentinel (Florida)

The School of Life: Alain de Botton started it in London; now it has opened a temporary learning hub in Melbourne...Collingwood is home to Australia's first School of Life pop-up...harnessed a tiny budget and an army of volunteers to create all the "bibliotherapy" spaces... -- CoDesign [images]- ArchitectureAU (Australia)

Let's build green defences against rising sea: Waterfront cities such as Auckland need buffers to combat likely flooding...The implications of Hurricane Sandy are profound. This is an opportunity for Auckland to develop the techniques needed to ameliorate the effects of climate change. By Matthew Bradbury -- Turnscape; Bryce Hinton- New Zealand Herald

The Big-Firm Advantage: The future of sustainability rests with large collaborative networks, rather than lone visionaries...the most famous designers are often perceived as lone creative geniuses...The sustainable-design movement could change this perception, and the primary benefactors could be large collaborative practices. By Lance Hosey- GreenSource Magazine

Big changes for LEED certification: ...will change the way project teams think, integrate, plan, execute and operate their buildings...USGBC is looking for pilot projects for the new system, and those participating will receive hands-on support to help them earn project certification.- Real Estate Weekly

Lost in Odaiba: The K-Museum's Postmodern Delight: Set in a once-abandoned, now-rebuilding area of Tokyo, the museum is a rousing, delightful structure that is about as postmodern as a building gets...when the economic bubble burst, the museum closed...left stranded in the middle of...bankrupt developments. Now, however, the area is coming back... By Michael Pronko -- Makoto Sei Watanabe (1996) [images]- Artscape Japan

Skyscraper was ahead of its time: Architect followed Le Corbusier's principles...Rumblings about the possible demolition of the Auckland Civic Administration structure at 1 Greys Ave have led me to investigate this interesting building...Auckland's first skyscraper, built in 1966...an excellent example of the spirit of New Zealand innovation... By David Tsow -- Tibor Donner [image]- New Zealand Herald

More Gehry than Classical, Hillary Clinton Says: If global relations looked like an architectural style, which style would it be? "We do need an architecture for this new world: more Frank Gehry than formal Greek"...it is worth parsing the statement...we have a neat binary set: Gehryian complexity versus classical clarity. It is in many ways a false opposition... By Aaron Betsky- Architect Magazine

President Obama Appoints Michael Graves to U.S. Access Board: ...the agency that oversees accessibility standards in design...Architecture and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board...Does that mean that President Obama is a huge fan of Postmodernism? There is almost no other way to interpret the appointment. By Kriston Capps- Architect Magazine

Call for entries: :output Award 2013: 16th annual international competition for students in design and architecture; cash prize; deadline: March 15- :output foundation

Call for entries: WING: World Interiors for the Next Generation Global Student Design Competition: An IFI Design Accelerator Competition 2013; earlybird registration (save \$\$\$): March 7; submission deadline: June 28- International Federation of



- Gehry Partners: Biomuseum/Biomuseo, Panama City, Panama -- Bruce Mau Design; Edwina von Gal
- Provencher Roy + Associés Architectes: Claire & Marc Bourgie Pavilion, Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Montreal, Canada
- Visiting the Shard, London, England -- Renzo Piano

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