



News Release

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Colorado Architecture Week Offers Public Opportunity to Learn about State's Architects and Architecture

March 30, 2007 (Denver)—The American Institute of Architects (AIA) of Colorado invites the public to celebrate the state's architects and architecture from April 13-20 during Colorado Architecture Week.

In honor of Colorado Architecture Week, AIA Colorado and local AIA chapters will host and participate in a series of special events and educational activities for the whole family. Most events are free and open to the public, unless noted otherwise in the following descriptions.

For more information or to make reservations for any event, contact AIA Colorado at 303.446.2266, ext. 21, or visit the calendar at www.aiacolorado.org.

Pre-Events

Friday, April 6

AIA Denver (chapter) Opens *Outside The Box* Exhibit

Visit the annual *Outside The Box* exhibit from April 6-May 2, sponsored by Wells Fargo and Broe Companies, Inc., at the Wells Fargo Building atrium (1700 Broadway, Denver). *Outside The Box* will be an opportunity for the public to celebrate Colorado's expanding influence in architecture as it showcases the work of Colorado architecture firms that are completing exciting projects all over the world. Free and open to the public weekdays from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Monday, April 9

Denver City Council Adopts Colorado Architecture Week Proclamation

Attend the city council meeting on April 9 at 5:30 p.m. at Denver City Council Chambers (City and County Building, Room 450, 1437 Bannock St., Denver) to hear the proclamation, sponsored by Councilperson Jeanne Robb, read about this year's Colorado Architecture Week. AIA Denver 2007 President David Owen Tryba, FAIA, also will speak about the several Denver-specific events that will celebrate this designated week. Free and open to the public.

Monday, April 9

AIA Denver Opens *Denver: The City Beautiful* Exhibit

Join AIA Denver from April 9-June for a look at Denver's The City Beautiful movement through an exhibit on display in the Western Art Gallery of the Denver Central Library (10 W. 14th Avenue Pkwy., Denver) from April 9-June. This exhibit will honor the sesquicentennial anniversaries of both AIA (2007) and the city of Denver (2008). It will explore The City Beautiful movement, including its origins in Denver and its evolution as it continues to shape the city today. On display will be oversized historic and current photos as well as future plans from famous and lesser-known portions of the city. The exhibit also will offer a look at parks and transit-oriented developments from the past and present. AIA Denver is presenting the exhibit and lecture in collaboration with the Western history department of Denver Public Library. Free and open to the public Monday-Tuesday: 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Wednesday-Friday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday: 1- p.m.

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Friday, April 6

Colorado Springs Mayor Lionel Rivera Adopts Colorado Architecture Week Proclamation

In a private presentation, Rivera will meet with AIA Colorado South (chapter) board of director members and discuss the upcoming Colorado Springs Box City event as well as the significant contributions of architects in the Colorado Springs area. *Open only to members of the media.*

Thursday, April 12

AIA Denver Presents *Denver: The City Beautiful* Lecture by Dr. Colorado

Join AIA Denver, in conjunction with the Western history department of the Denver Public Library, for a lecture by Tom "Dr. Colorado" Noel, Ph.D., who teaches Western art and architecture, historic preservation and Colorado history at the University of Colorado at Denver. The lecture will examine The City Beautiful movement in Denver and how politicians, planners and architects transformed a dusty, typical city into Paris on the Platte. The lecture will take place following an opening reception for the exhibit, *Denver: The City Beautiful and Its Architecture*. The reception, sponsored by Bennett Wagner & Grody Architects, will begin at 6:15 p.m. The lecture will take place in the Derrick Room, adjacent to the Western Art Gallery on Level 5, and begin at 7 p.m. Free and open to the public; however, reservations for are requested.

Architecture Week Events

Friday, April 13

AIA Colorado Hosts Young Architects Awards Gala

Join novice and veteran architects from across the state in kicking off Colorado Architecture Week on April 13 from 5:30-11p.m. at Mile High Station (2027 W. Colfax Ave., Denver). This awards ceremony and gala will honor Colorado's passionate young architects, students and interns through a celebration of their extraordinary achievements. In addition to design awards, special honors will be given to AIA Colorado's selection for 2007 Young Architect of the Year, Intern of the Year, Mentor of the Year and Instructor of the Year. Tickets are \$12 (students with identification), \$25 (associate AIA members, architectural interns and guests) and \$45 (AIA members, professional affiliate members and licensed architects) and open to the public.

Saturday, April 14

AIA Denver Hosts *Box City* Educational Activity for Children

Participate in this unique children's event that promotes an understanding of historic preservation and urban design by combining art, architecture, creative thinking, city planning, design, construction, fun and learning into one comprehensive educational experience. Children ages kindergarten through fifth grade (accompanied by adults) will experience the design and construction industry firsthand by requesting permits, ordering materials, designing buildings and constructing those buildings into a cardboard city. AIA Denver-member architects and design professionals will offer advice and assistance to participants. The event will take place from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Wellington Webb Municipal Office Building atrium (201 W. Colfax Ave., Denver). More than 100 children and their families are expected at this event. Free and open to the public; however, reservations are suggested for guaranteed entry.

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Saturday-Sunday, April 14-15

AIA Denver & Denver Office of Cultural Affairs Present *Doors Open Denver* Expert and Self-guided Tours

Explore Denver from the inside out while visiting some of the city's best-known and lesser-known architectural treasures. Pre-registration for all expert tours will take place at the Doors Open Denver Headquarters (Union Station, 1701 Wynkoop St., Denver) from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. on April 14-15. These tours have limited capacity and run 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Alternately, self-guided tours may begin at any participating Doors Open Denver location. Stop by event headquarters to speak with event staff for recommendations or visit the www.denvergov.org/doorsopendenver for a map and complete list of the more than 80 participating sites. Free and open to the public; however, tickets are limited to four per person and two tours per day per person.

Tuesday, April 17

AIA Denver Hosts Reception for *Outside The Box* Exhibit

Join AIA Denver for a reception to celebrate the *Outside The Box* exhibit, sponsored by Wells Fargo and Broe Companies, Inc., at the Wells Fargo Building atrium (1700 Broadway, Denver) from 5:30-8 p.m. on April 17. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Free and open to the public.

Thursday, April 19

AIA Denver Presents 60-minute Film,

Transit-oriented Development: Reshaping The Great American City

Watch a 60-minute feature film, produced by AIA Denver through an AIA national grant. The film will explore the concept of livable communities and focus on transit-oriented developments and the benefits that quality design holds for metropolitan Denver communities in the expansion of a mass transit system. The film will begin at 6 p.m. at the Denver Press Club (1330 Glenarm Place, Denver). Admission is \$5 per person and open to the public; however, reservations are required because of limited seating.

About AIA & AIA Colorado

For 150 years, members of The American Institute of Architects (AIA) have worked with each other and their communities to create more valuable, healthy, secure and sustainable buildings and cityscapes. AIA members have access to the right people, knowledge and tools to create better design, and through such resources and access, they help clients and communities make their visions real. AIA Colorado is a state component of AIA with more than 2,200 members from four local chapters.

Editor's Note: Complimentary media passes are available to all events requiring admission fees. To request a pass, contact Heidi Gordon at heidi@aiacolorado.org or 303.446.2266, ext. 15.