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DesCours 5th Year in New Orleans

Annual Free Public Architecture, Art and Entertainment Event

New Orleans, La. (December 2-11, 2011) DesCours is a free, public, ten-night architecture, art and entertainment event now in its fifth year, held the first week of December in New Orleans. This event invites internationally renowned architects and artists to create 13 architecture installations within 'hidden' locations in the heart of New Orleans, including private courtyards, rooftops, abandoned buildings and walkways, all locations normally unseen, inaccessible or unused by the public.

Celebrating the fifth anniversary, DesCours will continue to live up to its reputation as one of New Orleans' "most alluring events" (Doug MacCash, *The Times-Picayune*) by taking attendees on a voyeuristic exploration through downtown New Orleans and the French Quarter to discover "avant-garde architectural installations" that showcase the latest in design technologies. Engaging attendees in a sensory experience, these experimental installations present "outer-limits construction concepts in some of the Crescent City's architectural inner sanctums." (MacCash, *The Times-Picayune*) Adding to the dynamic 10-day presentation, DesCours also features nightly roving musical performances from local musicians, satellite parties, and two landmark special events marking the opening and conclusion of this year's presentation.

This year's installation teams include: Michael Leaton Beaman (GA | C) | Scott Berger, Rebecca Miller & Kevin Muni (MaMBo) | Travis Bost | Christophe Gauspohl | Jennifer Harmon & Joshua Kehl | Casey Hughes & Hitoshi Jacobs | Matt Hutchinson & Igor Siddiqui (PATH/ISSSTUDIO) | Rodolphe el-Khoury | Drew Shawver, Allison Bohl & Jonathan Marcantel | Florian Tuercke | Anthony Vanky, Macie J. Kaczynsky, Peter Von Bulow & Grant Weaver (e15) | and Noa Younse, Carson Smuts & Steven Tsai.

DesCours is presented in partnership with: aos, Astor Crowne Plaza New Orleans, The Azby Fund, The City of New Orleans, Downtown Development District (DDD), Harrah's Casino, Jones & Walker, Letterman's Blueprint and Copy, Louisiana Architectural Foundation, The Lupin Foundation, Tito's Handmade Vodka, and The Vinyl Institute.

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About AIA New Orleans:

Founded in 1911, AIA New Orleans is a non-profit whose mission is to represent, educate and serve the architecture profession and entire community as concerns the built environment. AIA New Orleans is a component of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), which serves over 80,000 professional architects. Serving over 500 local professional architects and associate members, the chapter hosts more than 75 events annually for its members and the public. Most recently, AIA New Orleans opened the 'AIA New Orleans Center for Design' which serves its members and the public by offering architecture and design education opportunities in the forms of lectures, a study center, special events, and more. AIA New Orleans Center for Design is the only dedicated architecture and design exhibition space in the state of Louisiana.