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Art/Architecture Exhibition Featuring artwork by Local Architects

AIA New Orleans Hosts Inaugural Exhibition at New Storefront Space

NEW ORLEANS (July 30th –August 29th 2009) – During the month of August, AIA New Orleans will be hosting an exhibit of works by local architects in the new AIA New Orleans Center for Design, located on Lee Circle, at 1000 St. Charles Avenue. These works by local architects will emphasize the process and methods by which design ideas are investigated and refined. Items on exhibition will be available for sale via online auction that benefits AIA New Orleans Architect Pairing Program which assists businesses and homeowners in need with architectural services.

. Artworks will be displayed for a one-month period, beginning with a special members-only opening on July 30th. The public opening will be held on August 1st during the celebrated White Linen Night, and the event will culminate in a lively closing celebration on August 29th.

The works will be available for purchase by online auction during the course of the exhibit. All proceeds from the exhibit will be put towards the AIA New Orleans 'Architect Pairing Program'. This program began in 2006, and pairs volunteer architects with homeowners and business owners in need. The support of this exhibition through the purchase of these works is a way to directly impact this small but growing program that gives back to the community.

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On display will be a wide array of designs and artworks, including photography, drawings, furniture, sculpture, physical models, and other means of creative exploration. Participants include Brad Brooks, Billes Architecture, Concordia, LLC, Ammar Elouei, HMS Architects, Holly & Smith Architects, Lee Ledbetter, NANO, Peter Trapolin, Wayne Troyer (Studio WTA), and more.

The Art/Architecture exhibition will be the first event held in AIA New Orleans new storefront location, the AIA New Orleans Center for Design, prominently located on Lee Circle at 1000 St. Charles. This Center will feature monthly exhibition programming, lectures, special events, and more. The AIA New Orleans Center for Design is the only dedicated architecture and design exhibition space in the state of Louisiana.

About AIA New Orleans:

AIA New Orleans is a non-profit organization comprised of over 400 professional architects, and is a component of the national organization whose membership includes 80,000 professional architects worldwide. Founded in 1910, AIA New Orleans mission is to represent, educate and serve the architecture profession and entire community as concerns the built environment. The chapter hosts more than 60 different events each year for its members and the public, including a lecture series provided in partnership with Tulane School of Architecture, continuing education classes, building tours, architecture exhibitions, an annual architecture film presented with the New Orleans Film Society, an annual Design Awards program and an annual architecture and art event, "DesCours." Most recently, AIA New Orleans opened the 'AIA New Orleans Center for Design' which serves its members and the public through 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 also the only dedicated architecture and design exhibition space in the state of Louisiana.

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