

NATION'S ARCHITECTS ON THE EDGE IN LOS ANGELES

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WASHINGTON, D.C., March 29, 2006- The American Institute of Architects (AIA) 2006 National Convention and Design Exposition will be held June 8-10, 2006 at the Los Angeles Convention Center. There are several intriguing events planned for this year's convention, with a theme of "Architecture on the Edge: Innovation, Engagement, Inspiration."

The AIA Convention is the building and design industry's mainstay for continuing education through presentations, workshops, seminars, tours, special events and the AIA Expo. This year's exciting and insight-packed theme presentations will explore innovations in design construction, examine the challenges of the public realm, and inspire fresh visions of a preferred future for the profession and for the built world.

On Thursday, June 8 join Frank Gehry, FAIA, Arata Isozaki, Hon. FAIA, and José Rafael Moneo, Hon. FAIA in a vivid wide-ranging conversation discussing their contributions to Los Angeles and how the power of architecture can transform the area, its residents, and visitors. They're leading the profession into the future while celebrating all that came before. Hear them explore their views of what's to come.

Transportation and airport experts Marilyn Taylor, FAIA, and Kim Day, AIA, join University of Virginia's School of Architecture's Bill Morrish on Friday, June 9 to share how engagement and individual civic commitment by architects benefit the public works clients and communities they serve.

The *Washington Post* recently told its readers that "no designer is more important to watch now" than William McDonough, FAIA. For more than 20 years, he has integrated sustainable practices and materials into design. On Saturday, June 10 he will discuss the greening of the profession. Come hear the challenge.

On Thursday, June 8, join the Los Angeles Host Chapter for a night of global cuisine, music, and dance by some of LA's top musicians and performers at the "worLd pArty". The party begins with a special event kick-off honoring the winners of the AIA/LA Design Awards and continues with a night of entertainment, music, and food that represent the unique city of LA. A 360-degree projection of Los Angeles' architecture, culture, and history, both past and present, will be screened on the historic train station, City Hall, and surrounding buildings that make up Los Angeles' original Mexican neighborhood surrounding Olvera Street Plaza—the birthplace of the city of Los Angeles.

Register before May 3, 2006 and receive the discounted Advance registration rate of \$285 for AIA Members and \$575 for Non-members. After May 3, the full \$350 AIA Member and \$675 Non-member registration rates will apply. Advance registration provides better access to the most popular workshops, tours, special events, programs, hotel accommodations, and airfares.

For the most up-to-date convention information and to register online, visit www.aia.org or call M|C Communications at (888) 242-1824 for information on attending AIA 2006 National Convention and Design Exposition. For more information about the AIA, please call (800) 242-3837.

Note to Editors: Complimentary registration is provided to members of the media. For press registration, please contact Cara Battaglini at 202-626-7462 or carab@aia.org.

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