

Call for Entries

Young architects and designers are invited to submit work to the annual Young Architects Competition. Projects of all types, either theoretical or real and executed in any medium, are welcome. The jury will select work for presentation in public forums, an on-line installation, and an exhibition at the Architectural League in May and June 2006. Winners will receive a cash prize of \$1000. A poster of the winning entries will be published and distributed nationally, as will a catalogue of winning work published by the Architectural League and Princeton Architectural Press. The Young Architects Forum is an annual competition, series of lectures and exhibition organized by the Architectural League and its Young Architects Committee. The Forum was established to recognize specific works of high quality and to encourage the exchange of ideas among young people who might otherwise not have a forum. For more information about the Architectural League and work by last year's Young Architects Forum winners, please visit the Architectural League web site, www.archleague.org.

Theme: Instability

Whether a cyclical recurrence or a phenomenal outburst, INSTABILITY agitates the normative groundings underlying current economic, political, ethical and climatic paradigms. In the midst of shaken institutions, weakened states of normalcy and defunct analytical models, how do young architects define their practice?

Are flexible methods a necessary response to unstable conditions and an essential component of design practice? Have borrowed terminologies, ad hoc techniques and structural improvisations become legitimate tactics evolving askew from prescribed methodologies and familiar forms? Are the project circumstances and methodologies developed in association thus privileged over the aesthetic?

Are other forms, cultures or efficiencies uncovered through a strategic engagement of instability? What might emerge when autonomous disciplines permeate one another opportunistically, to act and react to instability? How do young architects tap in to new temporal alliances, challenge preset programs and reimagine well-established forms to situate their architectural practice within the new tolerances of a context yet to be defined?

Competition Deadline

February 10, 2006
Entries must be received at the League office by 5 p.m. or postmarked (not metered) by this date. There will be no exceptions to this deadline. The League cannot be responsible for entries received by mail after the jury date, which will be approximately a week after the deadline.

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Eligibility

Entrants may submit work done independently, as an employee or as a teacher. Entrants must be ten years or less out of graduate or undergraduate school; students are not eligible for this competition. Work completed for fulfillment of course requirements at academic institutions is not eligible. Past Young Architects Forum winners are not eligible. Work undertaken as an employee must be accompanied by a letter from a principal in the firm stating that the entrant can be given sole credit for the work submitted. The competition is open to residents of the United States, Canada and Mexico only.

Submission requirements

The competition theme is given as a basis for young architects and designers to reflect upon and reevaluate their work. A written statement not to exceed 250 words is requested, which defines and considers the work.

A single portfolio, which may include several projects, must be submitted in a binder no larger than 11" x 14". The binder may not contain more than thirty double sided pages. CDs, models, slides, and transparencies will not be accepted. Entries must be received at the League office by 5 p.m. February 10, 2006 or postmarked (not metered) by that date.

Entry fee

Each entrant must submit an entry fee of \$20.

Entry forms

Each submission must include an entry form. Insert form, intact, into an unsealed envelope attached to the inside back cover of the submission. To maintain anonymity, no identification of the entrant may appear on any part of the submission, except on the entry form and return envelope (see below).

Selection

Winning entrants will be notified by late February 2006.

Portfolio return

Portfolios will be returned by mail only if a self-addressed envelope with postage is also enclosed. The Architectural League assumes no liability for original drawings. The League will take every precaution to return submissions intact, but can assume no responsibility for loss or damage.

Jury

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