

Call for Entries

Winning entrants will be notified by February 10, 1998

Competition Deadline January 28, 1998

POSITION PARADOX

Architecture is inextricable from notions of position: location, arrangement, posture, status, ideology. According to different meanings and senses of the word — a position, to position, to take a position — architecture can be understood as the accumulation of multiple, adjacent and overlapping, deliberate and unconscious positions. A position is often as much about establishing a direction as occupying a fixed point; it may inform the process and conception of a project, even while causing deviations from the original conception. Yet position in architecture is easily overlooked: a position can appear to be obvious until it is called into question. Does the complexity of architecture preclude the possibility of a singular coherent position? If so, can paradox, “the affirmation of different directions at the same time,”¹ support the construction of positions able to engage this complexity? Can paradox allow for shifting positions in order to critique existing positions?

What is the role of position or positions relative to your work?

¹ Gilles Deleuze, *The Logic of Sense*

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The Architectural League of New York

Young architects and designers are invited to submit work to the seventeenth 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 and an exhibition at the Architectural League in April-May, 1998. Winners will receive a cash prize of \$500. A poster of the winning entries will be published and distributed nationally. 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.

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, within which the work might be defined and considered. 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. Models, slides, and transparencies will not be accepted. Videos must be in VHS format and no longer than five minutes.

eligibility Entrants may submit work done independently, or 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 primary credit for the work submitted. The competition is open to residents of the United States, Canada, and Mexico only.

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.

portfolio return Portfolios will be returned by mail only if a self-addressed envelope with postage (stamped, not metered) 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.

deadline Entries must be received at the League 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.

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

jury Stan Allen, Walter Chatham, Steven Holl, Billie Tsien and The Young Architects Committee: Paul Lewis, Linda Pollak, Karen Stonely

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