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Rice Design Alliance Events

LECTURE SERIES

Northern Lights:

New Canadian Architects

For its Spring 1997 lecture series, RDA has invited five Canadian architects to present and discuss their work.
Wednesdays February 26 through March 26.

February 26

Phyllis Lambert, director of the Canadian Centre for Architecture, Montreal.
"Mies van der Rohe and the CCA - A Personal Perspective."

March 5

John Patkau, Vancouver, British Columbia

March 12

Peter Cardew, Vancouver, British Columbia

March 19

Brigitte Shim, Toronto, Ontario

March 26

Brian MacKay-Lyons, Halifax, Nova Scotia

All lectures will be held in the Brown Auditorium, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, at 8 p.m. Series tickets are available in advance at the RDA office. RDA and MFAH members \$25, students \$12, nonmembers \$40. If available, single tickets will be sold at the door: RDA and MFAH members \$7, students \$3, nonmembers \$10. For further information, please call 713.527.4876.

The Houston Talks

The Rice Design Alliance, the Rice University School of Architecture, and the University of Houston College of Architecture are for the first time collaborating on a lecture series that continues in the spring. The lectures are free and open to the public. Speakers will not only give a public lecture but also spend time informally with students at both schools. In addition to Enric Miralles who lectured on October 23, speakers are:

February 3

David Chipperfield, London.
Lecture at 8 p.m. in the Grand Hall, Rice Memorial Center, Rice University.

February 13

William Bruder, New River, Arizona.
Lecture at 8 p.m. in the Cullen Performance Hall, University of Houston.

EXHIBITIONS AND EVENTS

Houston Works

The Rice Design Alliance will be calling for entries for a spring exhibition at the Lawndale Art and Performance Center. RDA plans to exhibit a variety of work by Houston designers, including furniture, interior and landscape design, and architecture. *April 3 through May 17.*

Rancheros Deluxe

RDA's annual members-only architecture tour will feature the best Houston examples of the American ranch-style house, which had its heyday just after World War II and is newly eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *April 26 and 27.*

To the Editor

Thank you for sending the issues of *Cite: The Architecture and Design Review of Houston*. Copies were made available to our faculty and students and sent to the Technical Reference Center. *Cite* is a first-class publication with a broad range of articles, and the layout is well thought out. I especially enjoyed the articles by Stephen Fox, Richard Ingersoll, and Michael Benedikt. All three have presented lectures to our college and were well received. We look forward to the next issue of *Cite*.

Julius M. Gribou, AIA
Head of Department, Department of
Architecture, Texas A & M University

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The copies of your fall issue of *Cite* arrived today, and I am still trembling from excitement. The layout and design is simply fantastic. I am especially pleased with the spread on Texas Southern University. Alvia Wardlaw did a wonderful job in capturing the essence of TSU. I know the entire university family would join me in saying thank you for including Texas Southern University. I have shared copies with our 36 student organizations, the Office of the President, our Board of Regents, and the University Archives in the Robert J. Terry Library.

Again, we thank you for having the vision, thought, and insight to include Texas Southern University. We wish you continued success with a wonderful publication.

Eva K. Pickens
Director of Communication and University
Relations, Texas Southern University

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The extraordinary sculptor Carroll Simms happens to be male, and thus should have been referred to by the pronoun "he" in the article about the TSU campus in *Cite 35*.

Since the campus was nominally the focus of the article, and the central plaza was recently dedicated to him, Simms's works deserved more than the passing notice they received.

His works at TSU, UH, in the Music Hall, and other locations demonstrate that his true peers are Jacques Lipchitz, Jacob Epstein, and Henry Moore.

We want to encourage everyone with an interest in sculpture to visit the Carroll Simms Plaza at Texas Southern.

Bill Howze and Jeannette Dixon, *Houston*

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Left to right: *Cite* assistant editor Molly Kelly; Stephen Fox; *Cite* editorial committee chairman Rives Taylor; and *Cite 36* guest editor Barry Moore.

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