

Center for Architecture

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CENTER FOR ARCHITECTURE EXHIBITS NEW PHOTOGRAPHY OF SELECTED PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN NEW YORK CITY

ESTO NOW: Photographers Eye New York

Exhibition On View January 5 – March 4, 2006
Accompanying Program: January 19, 2006 6:00pm – 8:00pm

New York, NY — Photography is the lens through which the public looks at architecture. Founded in 1966 by Ezra Stoller (1915-2004), Esto is now home to a third generation of photographers who are masters at capturing architectural lines, form, color, and texture. “ESTO NOW: Photographers Eye New York” is a multi-media exhibition that showcases new photography by six Esto photographers: **Peter Aaron; Jeff Goldberg; Peter Mauss; David Sundberg; Jeffrey Totaro; and Albert Večerka.**

Highlighted in the exhibition are eight public buildings (many of them award-winners) located in all five New York boroughs: Center for Architecture by Andrew Berman Architect; SoHo Apple store by Bohlin Cywinski Jackson and Ronnette Riley Architect; Shake Shack by James Wines/SITE; New York Hall of Science by Polshek Partnership Architects; Roosevelt Avenue Subway Station by FXFOWLE Architects; Bronx School for the Arts by weisz + yoes studio; Higgins Hall/Pratt Institute by Steven Holl Architects and Rogers Marvel Architects; and the Staten Island 9/11 Memorial by Masayuki Sono.

Esto received the AIA New York Chapter 2005 Oculus Award. “The foundation of our archive is Ezra Stoller’s photographs. But that’s history, Esto then,” remarked Esto director Erica Stoller. “When we were asked to prepare an exhibition for the Center for Architecture, it was gratifying to see that “ESTO NOW” evolved as the focus, featuring new urban projects as seen through the eyes of six contemporary photographers in the Esto collaborative.”

In addition to the images themselves, the accompanying text describes the interaction between the architects and the photographers documenting their work. The exhibit design is by Pentagram.

Accompanying programs include: “In Focus: Photographing Architecture,” a panel of photographers and architects sharing their war stories – and tips – about photographing architecture, Thursday January 19, 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the Center for Architecture. The Center for Architecture Foundation will host a Family Day “New Eyes on the City,” March 11, 12:00pm – 3:00pm at the Center for Architecture. Participants will spend the afternoon exploring the architectural photography of ESTO, then go out into the field to discover the architecture of Greenwich Village. This workshop is recommended for families with children aged 7-12. For additional programming and up to date information, please visit our website at: www.aiany.org.

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About the Oculus Award

The Oculus Award, conferred by the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, recognizes excellence in the field of architectural journalism. Robert Ivy, FAIA, Editor-in-Chief of Architectural Record was the first recipient of the Oculus Award in 2003.

About Esto

Esto is a premier source for images of architecture and design. The core of the collection is the work of Ezra Stoller who began documenting architecture in 1938. Now, the ever-expanding stock archive includes images contributed by more than 75 photographers from around the world. For more information, visit www.esto.com.

About the Center for Architecture

The Center for Architecture is New York City's premier public space for exhibitions, discussion and professional exchange on architecture and design. With a storefront resource center, multiple galleries, a lecture hall, library and conference rooms, the Center serves as the place where the public and design professionals meet. Established in October 2003 by the American Institute of Architects New York Chapter and its charitable affiliate, the Center for Architecture Foundation, the Center is also home to the New York Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), Illuminating Engineering Society New York Section (IESNY), and the Structural Engineers Association of New York (SEAoNY). The Center for Architecture (536 LaGuardia Place) is open 9 am to 8 pm, Monday - Friday, and 11 am to 5 pm, Saturdays. Admission is free. For information, contact the AIA New York Chapter at 212-683-0023 or info@aiany.org, or visit www.aiany.org.

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