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Announcing September Lineup for
14th Annual Architecture + the City Festival

Festival theme “Secret City” reveals undiscovered San Francisco experiences

SAN FRANCISCO, CA USA (August 15, 2017): Presented by the American Institute of Architects, San Francisco Chapter (AIASF) and the Center for Architecture + Design (The Center), the 14th Annual Architecture + the City festival is one of the nation’s largest and longest running festivals of its kind. Taking place in San Francisco each September, the month-long celebration immerses participants in architecture and design thinking. Attendees experience the city and its secrets via engaging presentations, behind the scenes tours, film screenings, and a myriad of opportunities that highlight the secrets of San Francisco.

This year’s festival theme, “Secret City,” reveals the many layers of historic San Francisco and explores how architecture and design play a key role in the ever-changing urban landscape. Programs offer an understanding of the city’s past and how we can seamlessly connect the present urban community to empower a more deliberate, livable future.

“San Francisco is an actual treasure trove of design- and architecture-based secrets that many of us never may experience without the proper guide,” states AIASF and The Center’s Executive Director Jennifer Jones, CAE, IOM. “Since its inception in 2003, Architecture + the City strives to highlight our diverse communities and neighborhoods, tapping design leaders to expose the nuances in our ever-changing urban landscape.”

AIASF and The Center commissioned local artist Jennifer Clifford for this year’s theme design for Secret City, the third in a series of annual prints commemorating the festival. Past artists include Michael Schwab in 2015 and Michael Murphy in 2016. Fifty hand-signed and numbed prints will be available at select festival programs and online at www.archandcity.org/poster.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS / HOME TOURS

SEPTEMBER 30, 10AM - 6PM
San Francisco Living: Home Tours
(Home Tours HQ) Cambria Gallery
1045 Bryant Street
When the Architecture + the City festival began in 2003, it featured many of the elements most beloved by today’s audiences, including the ever-popular San Francisco Living: Home Tours, the first Bay Area tour series to promote residential design from the architect’s point of view. This open house event, which continues to draw design aficionados from across the country, features five outstanding modern homes. This program showcases a variety of architectural styles, neighborhoods, and residences – including single-family homes and contemporary renovations. The Architects’ Forum (September 28) will feature a presentation by the designers whose projects are featured in this year’s tour.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS / EXHIBITION

AUGUST 22, 6 - 9PM, OPENING RECEPTION
AUGUST 23 - NOVEMBER 17, EXHIBITION ON DISPLAY
"Secret City" Exhibition
AIASF and the Center for Architecture + Design Gallery, 130 Sutter St., Suite 600
Presenting “Secret City,” in which architects and designers showcase how San Francisco, and its secrets, influence their work as artists. Participating artists include: Jennifer Clifford, Mallory S. Cusenbery, AIA; Dan Hogman; Henrik Kam; Daniel Morago; Yon Sim; Clark Thenhaus. The exhibition will also feature work by Creativity Explored and the East Cut Identity Project. Members of the Bay Area community are also invited to submit anonymous artwork on blank postcards available at AIASF — you, too, can share your own secret!

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Visit www.archandcity.org for entire program and registration details

September 1, 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Architecture + the City Opening Night Party
swissnex, Pier 17, Embarcadero #800
Kick off the 14th Annual Architecture and the City Festival and be part of the community of individuals and organizations that make the month of learning and exploration possible. Be sure to share your secret discoveries throughout the month!

Tuesdays at noon, various locations
Throughout September
Sketchy Tuesday
Every Tuesday, gather with a group of architects, sketchers, designers, and enthusiasts to sketch the city at an off-the-beaten-path location around San Francisco.

Wednesdays at 6:00 PM, various locations throughout September
Architecture + the City Film Series
The weekly film series includes a diverse range of documentary films, art projects, and archival footage, including Forever, Chinatown and Pedro E Guerrero: A Photographer's Journey. From vintage to modern, this year's venues include the Great Star Theatre, Mechanics' Institute, Cambria Gallery and Dropbox.

September 8, 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Exclusive Tour – Inside the Filbert Street Cottages
1338 Filbert Street
Take an exclusive tour of the four rehabilitated 1907 historic Filbert Street cottages, lead by Jerome Buttrick, AIA, Principal Architect and Ivor Brown, Project Architect, from Buttrick Projects A+D.

September 9, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Southeast Treatment Plant
750 Phelps Street
Take a walk through the treatment plant to understand the basic concepts behind San Francisco’s combined sewer system and become aware of the planned technological improvements that will transform this facility into a state of the art resource recovery campus.

September 9, 1:00 – 3:00 PM
Hunters Point Shoreline Tour: From Forbidden Industrial Site to Community Hub
The PG&E Hunters Point Site is a multi-faceted property located in the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood of San Francisco, which is in the midst of a complex, multi-year transformation. The former site of the Hunters Point Power Plant, which was closed in 2006, this land was for decades a forbidden industrial zone. Take a tour led by members of the design team and representatives of PG&E.

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September 14, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Veiled in Plain Sight; History of Masonic Architecture in San Francisco
Mission Lodge No.169, 2668 Mission Street
Kevin Hackett, Principal Architect at Síol and Master Mason at Mission Lodge No. 169, will give a guided tour of this local Masonic Blue Lodge and will follow up with a lecture discussing the legacy of Masonic architecture in the City.

September 14, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Historic Pub Crawl
Elixir (3200 16th Street); Elbo Room (647 Valencia Street); Homestead (2301 Folsom Street)
Join the AIA Historic Resources Committee on its 11th Annual Pub Crawl and explore three legacy bars in the Mission. Housed in buildings dating back to 1906, learn about their storied pasts from “soft drink parlors” during Prohibition to one of the nation’s first lesbian dance clubs.

September 15, 7:00 – 9:30 PM
Mechanics' Institute Treasure Hunt
57 Post Street
Participants will explore and interact with many aspects of Mechanics’ Institute’s rich history, the architectural beauty and elegance of this classical Beaux-Arts building designed by architect Albert Pissis (circa 1910); the resources of the Library and Chess Room; and the essence and mission of their institution today.

GOOD Design: Future Sanctuary | San Francisco 2028
September 21, 6:00 - 9:00 PM
AIASF and The Center
130 Sutter Street, Suite 600
Now in its 10th year, AIASF and The Center celebrate the GOOD Design legacy with a design charrette examining the role of design in shaping San Francisco as a sanctuary city. GOOD Design 2017 will ask to imagine that future. Where will we find refuge, and what will we surrender? What will San Francisco become? THE CHALLENGE: What does the Future Sanctuary City look like?

Closing Night Party
September 29, 6:00 - 9:00 PM
AIASF and The Center
130 Sutter Street, Suite 600
Join AIASF and The Center to close out the 14th Annual Architecture + the City Festival.

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About AIA San Francisco
Serving the Bay Area for more than a century, the American Institute of Architects, San Francisco chapter (AIAASF), one of the largest of the AIA’s nearly 300 chapters, represents more than 2,300 members and 4,000 allied members in San Francisco and Marin County. As a resource for our members and the general public, AIA San Francisco strives to improve the quality of life in the Bay Area by promoting architecture and design. We further this goal through community involvement, education, advocacy, public outreach, member services, and professional excellence. [www.aiasf.org](http://www.aiasf.org)

About Center for Architecture + Design
The Center for Architecture + Design San Francisco (The Center) enhances public appreciation for architecture and design, both locally and internationally, through exhibitions, lectures, tours, films, and other programs that reveal the richness of the design arts. Founded in 2005, the Center is a collaborative environment where design organizations and affiliates share ideas. [www.cadsf.org](http://www.cadsf.org)

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