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**AIA San Francisco and the Center for Architecture + Design present  
The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Architecture + the City festival in September**



(SAN FRANCISCO, CA) July 17, 2018 — [AIA San Francisco \(AIASF\)](#) and the [Center for Architecture + Design](#) present the 15th annual Architecture + the City festival this September—one of the nation’s largest architectural festivals of its kind.

“Striving to balance the needs of a rapidly evolving and growing population, San Francisco is constantly exploring solutions for sustainable growth in our city,” says AIASF and The Center executive director Jennifer Jones. “We are excited to bring the community together for this year’s festival to explore interdisciplinary design

perspectives and discover new ways to strengthen our physical and social infrastructure in response to these evolving challenges.”

Kicking off with an Opening Night Party hosted at Room & Board on Thursday, August 31, this year’s festival theme “Future City” has motivated visionary architects and designers for centuries to create architectural works that in turn inspire generations of young designers and urban thinkers. From autonomous vehicles to equitable neighborhood designs, this year’s Architecture + the City festival celebrates a future San Francisco. Through compelling programs, AIASF seeks to address contemporary challenges by boldly imagining and defining the future conditions of the city.

In developing the branding concept for this year’s Architecture and the City festival program, artist Nigel Sussman says, “I try to react to the environment where my work is located by running it through my own filter—turning the work into something unexpected and playful.”

Sussman’s featured artwork, along with a curated collection of works by local Bay Area artists, will be on view at an exhibition in the AIASF Center for Architecture + Design Gallery through October 12, 2018.

With over 30 programs this year’s Architecture + the City festival explores and celebrates the varied facets of design, aiming to connect and inspire the general public, design enthusiasts, architects, and designers in a month-long celebration featuring behind the scenes events, [tours](#), [films](#), [exhibitions](#), [lectures](#), [special events](#), and more providing unique opportunities to engage with the local architecture community and experience design in a myriad of ways throughout the city.

For complete program information and schedule of events, visit [www.archandcity.org](http://www.archandcity.org).

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*Serving the Bay Area for more than a century, the American Institute of Architects, San Francisco Chapter, one of the largest of the AIA's nearly 300 chapters, represents more than 2,300 practicing architecture as well as 4,000 allied community professionals in San Francisco and Marin Counties. 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.*

*About Center for Architecture + Design | [www.centersf.org](http://www.centersf.org)*

*As one of the first centers of its kind on the West Coast, the Center for Architecture + Design creates positive change in communities throughout the San Francisco Bay Area by facilitating interdisciplinary dialogue and encouraging innovative design both locally and internationally through exhibitions, lectures, tours, film series, and other programs that aim to reveal the richness of the design arts.*

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