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Announcing the 2018 Architecture + the City Festival Call for Submissions



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(SAN FRANCISCO, CA) February 2018 AIA San Francisco (AIASF) and the Center for Architecture + Design announce the 15th Annual Architecture + the City Festival to take place September 1-30, 2018. Exploring and celebrating the varied facets of design, the festival aims to connect and inspire the general public, design enthusiasts, architects, and designers in a month-long celebration featuring behind the scenes events, exhibitions, film screenings, walking tours, and lectures. With over 40 programs, the festival provides unique opportunities to engage with the local architecture community and experience design in a myriad of ways throughout the city.

This year's festival theme, "Future City" celebrates a re-imagined San Francisco - from autonomous vehicles to equitable neighborhood designs, visionary architects and designers have created architectural works that have inspired generations of young designers and urban thinkers.

The festival seeks to address contemporary challenges by boldly imagining and defining the future conditions of the city through compelling programs.

"Striving to balance the needs of a rapidly evolving and growing population, San Francisco is constantly exploring solutions for sustainable growth in our city. 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," states AIASF and The Center, Executive Director Jennifer Jones.

AIASF and The Center are seeking program ideas that address the city's most pressing urban issues, demonstrate innovation in working toward a more sustainable future, and explore how progressive design and creative problem solving improve our quality of life in the Bay Area.



Submissions that proactively explore the theme “Future City” and that investigate the ways architects/projects thoughtfully impact community and reflect issues of sustainability will be given first preference.

The festival’s dynamic and diverse programs will complement our exciting program series San Francisco Living: Home Tours. This year’s Home Tours takes place on Saturday, September 22. The Home Tours program is the first series in the Bay Area to promote residential design from the architect’s point of view, this popular event showcases a variety of architectural styles, neighborhoods and residences, including single-family homes, multi-family complexes, affordable housing and contemporary renovations. San Francisco Living: Home Tours projects are also now being accepted.

“San Francisco is recognized as a leader and investor in sustainability and resilience in the urban environment. I am looking forward to having new partners join us in the conversation as we continue to work towards building urban resilience in our city,” states The Center President Kamala Subbarayan.

San Francisco is the first city to join the International 100 Resilient Cities Movement and Challenge—pioneered by the Rockefeller Foundation. And, we are the fifth city to create a 2030 District in response to the Architecture 2030 Challenge. During this year’s festival we hope to highlight the many ways local designers serve as the innovative front-runners in helping the city be resilient and adapt to the many current urban issues and challenges the city faces today.

All submissions must be completed online by March 15, 2018. To submit a program or for more information about the festival or Home Tours, visit www.archandcity.org.

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