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UpStarts: LAN Architecture

by *Katya Tylevich*

Coordinating schedules with Benoit Jallon and Umberto Napolitano of LAN [Local Architecture Network] Architecture is hard. They're busy. Which is just about the best adjective you can wish upon these founders of an (almost) eight-year-old practice. Well, that, and "happy" - specifically with the projects keeping them chained to the drawing board. Oh, but we'll get to the topic of architectural hedonism yet, believe me...

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Tel-Aviv, built in 45 seconds

Tel Aviv - Jaffa, a new documentary celebrating Tel-Aviv's 100th anniversary, has a great opening title sequence by Liron Damir. Damir references the topic of the film by reconstructing the city with a scale model. ...

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Recent Results & Groundbreakings

Musée Louvre-LENS Breaks Ground in Northern France

Co-designed by New York-based Imrey Culbert, Tokyo-based Sanaa, and Paris-based Mosbach Paysagistes, the new branch of the Louvre will span 300,000 square feet of new construction, devoting over 75,000 square feet of galleries and visitable storage areas for hundreds of treasures from the Louvre's collection...

Balmori and H3 Break Ground on Botanical Research Institute of Texas

The Botanical Research Institute of Texas (BRIT), an international cultural and scientific center for conservation, recently held the ground breaking ceremony for its \$48 million facility...

Ian Simpson Architects Wins Belgian Concert Hall Competition

Ian Simpson Architects, in collaboration with Kirkegaard Associates, has won the international architectural competition for the redesign of the Queen Elisabeth Hall in Antwerp...

Mikou Design Studio Wins Competition to Redesign Dunkirk Theater

Paris-based Mikou Design Studio has recently won the competition for the renovation of the Bateay Feu Theater in Dunkirk in the northernmost tip of France...

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Paul Goldberger, author and architecture critic for The New Yorker.....

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Unexpected Cooper-Hewitt Director

Bill Moggridge is not your average design director, though he will take over what is arguably The Nation's design museum—the Cooper-Hewitt's part of the Smithsonian after all. Bypassing such hyped specialists as Paolo Antonelli of MoMA and Aaron Betsky of Cincinnati, the C-H went instead with the inventor of the first laptop, among other things....



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Economy Is Down, but Dubai Tower Tops All

Dubai pulled out all the stops Monday to celebrate the opening of the world's tallest building: a rocket-shaped edifice that soars 828 meters, or 2,717 feet, with views that can reach 100-kilometers, or 60-miles....

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The beauty of concrete

A bunch of young architects in Boston are singing the praises of a whole generation of Boston buildings made of concrete. They call it the "heroic" period of Boston architecture. It lasted maybe 20 years, from the late 1950s to the middle 1970s.

[Boston Globe...](#)

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For Shanghai Fair, a Famous Fund-Raiser Delivers

Hillary Clinton is hitting the road to raise the nearly \$61 million needed to finish the [US Pavilion](#) for the 2010 [Shanghai Expo](#). In nearly nine months, she has managed to raise \$54 million.

Via the [NYT](#)....

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Discussion Threads

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School Blogs

Jesse is leaving University of Hawaii for a year and [going](#) to Afghanistan. Be safe and good luck! Mark at Hampton University [reviews](#) the year and writes about a visit to Puerto Rico where he discovered an abandoned jewel, Mosquito Pier. Its a mile out into the Caribbean sea.

Errata

Via [bldgblog](#) a long piece about the Burj Dubai's upcoming public opening, future cities, and [more](#). The gents over at [Jargonetcetera](#) invent a new term [Chrono-architecture](#)...

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Again? Has it become impossible to be ethical anymore?

Alan Heller, a manufacturer in New York, tells a story that pretty much encapsulates the great promise and subsequent tumult of Design Within Reach. One of Mr. Heller's products is the Bellini chair, a 1997 design by the Italian architect Mario Bellini. It was such a good fit for D.W.R., Mr. Heller says, that it appeared on the back cover of the company's first catalogue in 1999. Over the years, Mr. Heller sold thousands of Bellini chairs through the company....

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Gehry and David Lynch partner for Lodz Film Center

Frank Gehry is designing a film and cultural center in Lodz, Poland. This is a very interesting addition to the rest of the renovations that Lodz is going through. [BRYLA](#) | [Nasze Miasto](#) (translated)...

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The Bubble Lives?

First Dubai, now Shanghai: Economists worry that speculation is driving a dangerous expansion of the real-estate market

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Architecture - one of the hardest hit professions in '09

Job losses in the profession jumped 17.8 percent, bringing the total number of employed architects to 189,000 in the first three quarters of 2009, compared to 230,000 in the same period a year earlier, according to the BLS. [MSNBC](#) | [via Forum](#)...

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Thomas Juul-Hansen seeking **Architect** in New York, NY

SGPA Architecture And Planning seeking **Architectural Graphic Design Assistant** in San Diego, CA

Marmol Radziner and Associates seeking **ARCHITECTAL STAFF - Historic Structures Report** in West Los Angeles, CA

wHY Architecture seeking **Architectural Model Shop Manager** in Culver City, CA

Robinson + Grisaru Architecture PC seeking **Architect Intern** in Brooklyn, NY

W3 Architects seeking **Architectural Production Assistant** in Venice, CA

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buildingcommunityWORKSHOP seeking **Program Director** in Dallas, TX

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