



# News Release

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## **Colorado Architecture Week Offers Opportunity to Learn about Architects and Architecture**

**March 19, 2008 (Denver)**—The American Institute of Architects (AIA) of Colorado invites the public to celebrate the state's architects and architecture from April 11-17 during Colorado Architecture Week.

In honor of Colorado Architecture Week, AIA Colorado and the state's four local AIA chapters will host and participate in a series of special events and educational activities for the whole family. Most events are free and open to the public, unless noted otherwise in the following descriptions.

For more information or to make reservations for any event, contact AIA Colorado at 303.446.2266 or visit [www.coloradoarchitectureweek.org](http://www.coloradoarchitectureweek.org).

### **Friday, April 11 – 5:30-10 p.m. Young Architects Awards Gala**

Presented by AIA Colorado

Location: Exdo Event Center (1399 35th St., Denver)

Cost: Tickets prices vary; visit [www.coloradoarchitectureweek.org](http://www.coloradoarchitectureweek.org)

Join novice and veteran architects from across the state in kicking off Colorado Architecture Week. This awards ceremony and gala will honor Colorado's passionate young architects, students and interns through a celebration of their extraordinary achievements. In addition to design awards, special honors will be given to AIA Colorado's selection for 2008 Young Architect of the Year, Intern of the Year, Mentor of the Year and Instructor of the Year.

### **Saturday, April 12**

#### **Denver & Colorado Springs Box City Events (Educational Activity for Children)**

**- 9 a.m.-2 p.m. (Denver)**

Presented by AIA Denver

Location: Wellington E. Webb Municipal Building (atrium, 201 W. Colfax Ave., Denver)

**- 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (Colorado Springs)**

Presented by AIA Colorado South

Location: Steele Elementary School (auditorium, 1720 N. Weber St., Colorado Springs)

Cost: Free; however, reservations are requested to ensure entry (call 303.446.2266)

Participate in this unique children's event that promotes an understanding of historic preservation and urban design by combining art, architecture, creative thinking, city planning, design, construction, fun and learning into one comprehensive educational experience. Children in kindergarten through fifth grade (accompanied by adults) will experience the design and construction industry firsthand by requesting permits, ordering materials, designing buildings and constructing those buildings into a cardboard city. AIA-member architects and design professionals will offer advice and assistance to participants.

### **Saturday-Sunday, April 12-13 – 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.**

#### **Doors Open Denver Expert and Self-guided Tours**

Sponsored by AIA Denver in conjunction with The Denver Architectural Foundation

Headquarters Location: Union Station (1701 Wynkoop St., Denver)

Cost: Free; however, tickets for expert-guided tours are limited to four per person and two tours per day per person (visit [www.denvergov.org/doorsopendenver](http://www.denvergov.org/doorsopendenver))

Explore Denver from the inside out while visiting some of the city's best-known and lesser-known architectural treasures. Pre-registration for all expert tours will take place at the Doors Open Denver Headquarters. These tours have limited capacity and run 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Alternately, self-guided tours may begin at any participating Doors Open Denver location. Stop by event headquarters to speak with event staff for recommendations or visit the [www.denvergov.org/doorsopendenver](http://www.denvergov.org/doorsopendenver) for a map and complete list of the more than 80 participating sites.

**Tuesday, April 15 – 6-8 p.m.**

**Architecture, Art & Appetizers**

Presented by AIA Colorado North

Location: University of Colorado (Boulder), Environmental Design Building, Room 134

Cost: Free

Attend this free public education event featuring 10 speakers each giving 10-slide, 10-minute presentations about topics related to architecture or art. Topics range from projects and inspirations to experiences and philosophies. Complimentary refreshments will be served.

**Wednesday, April 16 – 6:30 p.m. (reception) –7-8 p.m. (lecture)**

**How to Work with an Architect:**

**What Every Person Should Know Before Building or Remodeling a Home**

Presented by AIA Colorado

Sponsored by Reed Construction Data

Location: An architect's home in Washington Park

Cost: Free; however, space is limited and reservations are required – no exceptions (call 303.446.2266)

Enjoy hearing from AIA Denver 2007-08 Architects' Choice Awards winners, Ron Faleide, AIA — Faleide Architects (Denver) and Karen Keating, AIA— TKP Architects PC (Golden), about how to work with a residential architect— whether remodeling a basement or building a home—on any budget.

**Thursday, April 17 – 5:30-7:30 p.m. (reception)**

**Outside The Box (Exhibit & Reception)**

Presented by AIA Denver

Location: Park Central Building (Lobby, 1515 Arapahoe St., Ste. 1-110, Denver)

Cost: Free

Visit the *Outside The Box* exhibit, sponsored by Reed Construction Data and Means Knaus Partners, and celebrate Colorado's expanding influence in architecture as the exhibit showcases the work of Colorado architecture firms that are completing exciting projects all over the world. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

**March 2008-January 2009**

**Crossroads: Colorado Architecture Then, Now & Beyond (Exhibit)**

Presented by AIA Colorado & AIA Denver in conjunction with the Denver International Airport Art Program

Location: Denver International Airport (Concourse A & C)

Cost: Free; however, exhibit is only accessible beyond security checkpoints and to ticketed customers

View architecture from across the state by AIA-member architects. Photo and rendering boards as well as architectural models are included in this 90-piece exhibit. Additionally, the exhibit celebrates Denver's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday with an historical look at architecture over years with images from Denver Public Library's collection.

**About AIA & AIA Colorado**

*For 150 years, members of The American Institute of Architects (AIA) have worked with each other and their communities to create more valuable, healthy, secure and sustainable buildings and cityscapes. AIA members have access to the right people, knowledge and tools to create better design, and through such resources and access, they help clients and communities make their visions real.*

*With more than 2,400 members, AIA Colorado, the voice of the profession of architecture, inspires and supports its members as leaders to improve and sustain the quality of the built environment. We promote the value of the profession and provide resources and education for members.*

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**Editor's Note:** Complimentary media passes are available to all events requiring admission fees. To request a pass, contact Tracey Edwards at tracey@aiacolorado.org or 303.446.2266, ext. 112.