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A message from the 2017 TSA Executive

It was another busy year promoting the importance of architecture in the city and supporting the professional development of our members. It's been a year of strengthening existing initiatives, as well as introducing new ones. The following pages summarize the activities of our Society for 2017, as well as highlight the many volunteers, sponsors, donors, partners and collaborators that have made all of this possible.

This year's highlights include:

Lectures

6 forums, lectures and panel discussions - ranging from public debates on city issues such as the integration of art and architecture, to more industry-specific reflections on the experiences of emerging practices. Two of these forums were done in partnership with the Toronto Design Offsite Festival.

All lecture attendees for 2017 were issued certificates of participation meeting the OAA requirements for structured learning hours. We look forward to continuing these certificates as part of our 2018 lectures.

Building Tours

Our members-only, architect-led Building Tours were as popular as ever featuring three new buildings in the city: Centre for Innovation and Engineering; Goldring Centre for High Performance Sports; and the Daniels Building. Two of the tours, Goldring and Daniels, were completely sold out.

Walking Tours

Now in its 8th year, the Toronto Architecture Tours expanded with the introduction of a new tour on the architecture and design of University Avenue. The financial support from the OAA also allowed us to increase advertising and we saw an increase in attendees for both private tours (70%) and public tours (22%).

Student Outreach

A TSA Student Workshop on architectural drawings as part of the Skilled Trades Expo for over 150 secondary students as part of the TDSB Newcomer Services – Welcoming Communities program.

We continue working on the development of a special architecture walking tour for high-school students which meets the Ontario curriculum and will be offered for free for all schools in the GTA. Currently we provide a free version of our regular walking tours to any class interested in taking one.

Advocacy

On June 7, the TSA issued a letter adding its support to the American Institute of Architects' declaration on the Paris Agreement, issued in response to the White House decision to withdraw the United States from the landmark Agreement.

Movie Nights

Two Movie Nights screening documentaries touching architectural issues - Double Happiness and The Destruction of Memory with approximately 25 attendees each (of which 50% were members of the public and 50% TSA members).

Doors Open

Our partnership with Doors Open Toronto continued to grow with three distinct programming contributions by the TSA: a special tour on Modernism on the Grand Avenue offered 8 times during the weekend; the Architects' Talk, a panel discussion on What is Canadian Architecture which served as the opening event to this year's DOTO; and the Architects' Studio Tour - a self-directed open house of various studios throughout the city.

TSA SOCIAL 2017

This year's TSA Year End Social was held at the Goldring Centre for High Performance Sports and it was our biggest one yet with roughly 500 attendees and dozens of members participating in the building tours led by MJMA, Patkau and Blackwell.

It was also a year of change for our Society's leadership, as we said good bye to our Executive Administrator Max McQuinn who provided years of support to numerous initiatives. We wish him the best of luck in his new endeavors!

We also welcomed new executive members (Mélisa Audet, Alana Young, and Ana-Francisca de la Mora), elected a new chair (Maria Denegri) and vice-chair (Megan Torza), and welcomed new staff (Joël León and Jocelyn Squires). We want to take this opportunity to thank Past Chair Jason Dobbin for his leadership and dedication, and look forward to his continued support and advice as we continue our work.

We look forward to another successful year!

Maria Denegri

Chair | Toronto Society of Architects

2017.02.15

130th Annual General Meeting

2017.03.29

New Design & Technology Synergies Forum

TSA Urban Affairs Forum in partnership with Ryerson University's Design Fabrication Zone / Panel Discussion

SPEAKERS | Mark Cichy (DIALOG), Mania Meibodi (ETH, Zurich), Renn Scott (Ryerson Fashion Zone), Tom Bessai (DFZ / Denegri Bessai Studio)

2017.05.06 - 2017.09.30

Walking Tour: Towers

2 hour architecture walking tour offered every Saturday from May to October

TOUR GUIDES | Daniel Gaito, Daniela Cojocariu, Emad Ghattas, Eric Gertner, Harmen deVries

2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

2017.01.19

TODO | Designing for Inclusivity

TSA Urban Affairs Forum as part of Toronto Offsite Design Festival / Panel Discussion

SPEAKERS | Robert Allen (MJMA), Andrea Lacalamita (InContext Videos), Raja Moussaoui (InContext Videos), Andrea Oppedisano (City of Toronto) MODERATOR | Joe Lobko (DTAH)

2017.01.22

TODO | Living Well

TSA IDEAS Forum as part of Toronto Offsite Design Festival / PechaKucha

SPEAKERS | Amanda Rataj, Andrei Zerebecky, Cole Swanson, Deena DelZotto, Rachel Kimel, Gaelle Le Couster, Jake Whillans, Janna Levitt, Mauricio Navarro, Myung-Sun Kim, Oscar Kwong, Tania Love 2017.05.06 - 2017.09.30

Walking Tour: Art & Performance

2 hour architecture walking tour offered every Saturday from May to October

TOUR GUIDES | Kristine Morris, Judy Jacobs, Derek McCallum, Stephanie Thomas, Fric Gertner

2017.05.07 - 2017.10.01

Walking Tour: Campus & Culture

2 hour architecture walking tour offered every Sunday from May to October

TOUR GUIDES | Pamela Cottrell, Lesley Thompson, Harmen deVries, Karen Sekikawa

2017.05.17

The Art of Leadership in Project Management

TSA Technical Lecture as part of Architects@ Work Canada

SPEAKER | Ahmad-Shah Duranai

2017.05.26

Doors Open | Architects' Talk: What is Canadian Architecture?

Doors Open keynote event in partnership with Doors Open Toronto

SPEAKERS | A.J. Diamond, Omar Gandhi, Valerie Gow, Murray Legge, Susan Scott, Pierre Thibault MODERATOR | Beth Kapusta

2017.05.27 - 2017.05.28

Doors Open | Open Studio

Studio open house in partnership with Doors Open Toronto

PARTICIPATING STUDIOS | atelier rzlbd, Barbora Vokac Taylor Architect, Denegri Bessai Studio, Design Workshop Architects, DIALOG, DTAH, FOLD (Vanessa Fong Architect, Heather Asquith Architect, and Taylor Architecture Group), Hariri Pontarini Architects, Lia Maston Architect / FIRMA, No.9 @ ArtHub27, Stacklab, SvN Architects + Planners, Teeple Architects

2017.05.27 - 2017.05.28

Doors Open | Modernism on the Grand Avenue: 50s, 60s and 70s on University Avenue

A special 1 hour architecture walking in partnership with Doors Open Toronto offered 8 times during the DOT weekend TOUR GUIDES | Daniel Gaito, Kristine Morris, Daniela a Cojocariu, Emad Ghattas ASSISTANTS | Lesley Thompson, Pamela Cottrell, Harmen deVries, Derek McCallum

2017.06.20

Emeraina

TSA IDEAS Forum

SPEAKERS | blackLAB architects inc., Denegri Bessai Studio, Atelier Kastelic Buffey Inc, Workshop Architecture Inc, Tact Architect Inc, Building Arts Architects Inc, raw Design inc, Dubbeldam Architecture + Design, Altius Architecture Inc. 2017.06.21

Tour: Centre for Engineering Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Montgomery Sisam Architects and Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios

TOUR GUIDES | Robert Davies (MSA), Jason Dobbin (MSA), Shannon Wiley (MSA)

2017.07.05

Tour: Goldring Centre for High Performance Sport

Patkau Architects Inc. and MacLennan Jaunkalns Miller Architects Ltd.

TOUR GUIDES | Aaron Letki (MJMA), Viktor Jaunkalns (MJMA), David Bowick (Blackwell), Shannon Hilchie (Blackwell)

2017.08.01

Tour: Daniels Building

NADAAA and Adamson Associates Architects

TOUR GUIDES | Katherine Faulkner (NADAAA), Richard Lee (NADAAA), Claudina Sula (Adamson Associates)

2017.08.27 - 2017.10.01

Walking Tour: University Avenue

2 hour architecture walking tour offered every Sunday from September to October

TOUR GUIDES | Kristine Morris, Joël León

2017.09.15

Architecture and Public Art

TSA Urban Affairs Forum

PANELISTS | Ana-Francisca de la Mora (IBI Group), Laura Berazadi (Metrolinx), Paul Raff (Paul Raff Studio)

MODERATOR | Brad Golden

2017.09.28

Mix & Mingle Network

In collaboration with ARIDO Greater Toronto Chapter and IFMA Toronto Chapter

2017.10.17

The Destruction of Memory

TSA Movie Night

2017.10.24

Double Happiness

TSA Movie Night

2017.11.15

TDSB Student Workshop

Part of the TDSB Newcomer Services – Welcoming Communities program WORKSHOP LEADS | Keltie McLaren, Meaghan Burke, Joël León

2017.11.24

OAA President's Visit

2017.12.08

TSA SOCIAL 2017

Goldring Centre for High Performance Sport

URBAN AFFAIRS FORUMS

LEADS | Maria Denegri, Megan Torza

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TECHNICAL LECTURE SERIES

LEAD | Bindya Lad

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SPEAKER | Ahmad-Shah Duranai

IDEAS FORUMS

LEAD | Megan Torza

Emerging

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VOLUNTEER | Prachi Powale

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EXECUTIVE ADMIN. | Jocelyn Squires

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TSA MOVIE NIGHTS

LEAD | Charles Lau VOLUNTEER | Ralph Holmes

DOORS OPEN

LEADS | Adam Thom, Barbora Vokac-Taylor, Joël León, Kevin McIntosh

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Special thank you to all Doors Open Toronto volunteers who assisted in our programming initiatives throughout the weekend!

SUMMER BUILDING TOURS

LEADS | Barbora Vokac-Taylor, Alana Young

Centre for Engineering Innovation and Entrepreneurship

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TORONTO ARCHITECTURE TOURS

LEADS | Joël León, Kevin McIntosh
TOURS COORDINATOR | Marta O'Brien

Towers Tour

TOUR GUIDES | Daniel Gaito, Daniela Cojocariu, Emad Ghattas, Eric Gertner, Harmen deVries

Arts and Performance

TOUR GUIDES | Kristine Morris, Judy Jacobs, Derek McCallum, Stephanie Thomas, Eric Gertner

Culture and Campus

TOUR GUIDES | Pamela Cottrell, Lesley Thompson, Harmen deVries, Karen Sekikawa

University Avenue

TOUR GUIDES | Kristine Morris, Joël León

GUIDE MAP

LEAD | Heather Dubbeldam

VOLUNTEERS | Max McQuinn, Rob Shostak, Joe Lobko, Adam Thom, Joël León

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LEAD | Jocelyn Squires

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LEAD | Joël León

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