



Kramer Levin to serve as lead sponsor of Archtober

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Kramer Levin will serve as lead sponsor of Archtober 2012, a month-long festival of activities, programs and exhibitions presented by The Center For Architecture, AIA New York Chapter and The Center for Architecture Foundation throughout October. 2012 is the fifth consecutive year that Kramer Levin has served as the lead sponsor for this event, which was once known as Architecture Week. The event celebrates architecture and design excellence in New York. The festival will feature tours, lectures and exhibitions that broadly examine the influence of architecture and design on urban life.

Kramer Levin relishes serving as lead sponsor for this annual event, because of its lead role in obtaining land use approvals for some of the most significant architecture in the city, in collaboration with the many fine architects who practice here: Foster & Partners (50 UN Plaza); Cook + Fox (150 Charles St.); Christian dePortzamparc (One57); Jean Nouvel (51 West 53rd St.); Renzo Piano (Whitney Museum at Gansevoort St.); Diller & Scofidio (Lincoln Center 65th St. Redevelopment); SHoP (South St. Seaport Redevelopment); Morris Adjmi (837 Washington St.); Goldstein, Hill & West (808 Columbus Ave.); Beyer Blinder Belle (Whitney Townhouses); Pelli Clarke Pelli (15 Penn Plaza); Ennead (NYU Langone Medical Center Kimmel Pavilion); Rafael Moneo (Columbia Northwest Science Building); Robert A.M. Stern (15 Central Park West); Handel Architects (Dream Downtown Hotel); Cooper Robertson (Columbia School of Social Work); S.O.M. (International Gem Tower); KPF (One Hudson Yards); Rafael Vinoly (432 Park Ave.); and Richard Meier (former Con Edison sites on East River).

The Center for Architecture will host unique programs nearly every day in the month of October. As in years past, an exhibition of AIA members work will be on display in the West 4th Street subway station. The festival culminates in the Heritage Ball fundraiser at Chelsea Piers.

"We are pleased to continue our commitment to the AIA and its partners in presenting Archtober 2012," said Michael Sillerman, co-chair with Paul Selver of Kramer Levin's Land Use department.

"We look forward to working with the many talented architects and affiliated professionals in presenting this unparalleled celebration of New York's built environment. We believe Archtober is an ideal platform to showcase to the world the unrivaled richness of the City of New York's architectural pedigree."

More information about Architecture Week is available at <http://archtober.org>

About the AIA New York Chapter

AIA New York is the oldest and largest chapter of the American Institute of Architects, with almost 5,000 architects, allied professionals, students and public members. AIANY is dedicated to three goals: design excellence, public outreach and professional development, and towards these aims, AIANY runs the Center for Architecture, a storefront exhibition space in Greenwich Village, sponsors public programs, publishes a magazine, and works with its charitable affiliate, the Center for

Architecture Foundation, to provide scholarship and educational opportunities. For more information on AIANY, please visit www.aiany.org.

About the Center for Architecture

The Center for Architecture is a destination for all interested in the built environment. It is home to the American Institute of Architects New York Chapter and the Center for Architecture Foundation, vibrant nonprofit organizations that provide resources to both the public and building industry professionals. Through exhibitions, programs, and special events, the Center aims to improve the quality and sustainability of the built environment, foster exchange between the design, construction, and real estate communities, and encourage collaborations across the city and globe. As the city's leading cultural institution focusing on architecture, the Center drives positive change through the power of design. For more information, please visit www.aiany.org. About the AIA New York Chapter: Founded in 1857, the AIA New York Chapter is the oldest and largest chapter of the American Institute of Architects. The Chapter's members include over 4,400 practicing architects, allied professionals, students, and public members interested in architecture and design. The AIA New York Chapter is dedicated to three goals: design excellence, public outreach, and professional development. To fulfill its mission, the Chapter sponsors an array of programs and exhibitions that explore the role of architects in housing, planning, historic preservation, and urban design among other topics.

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