

Society of Architectural Historians to Present Change Agent Award to Diller Scofidio + Renfro

NEW YORK, June 4—The Society of Architectural Historians will present the inaugural **Change Agent Award** to the partners of the New York architecture firm **Diller Scofidio + Renfro** at a reception on Wednesday, July 17, at the Century Club in midtown Manhattan. The award recognizes **Elizabeth Diller, Ricardo Scofidio, Charles Renfro** and **Benjamin Gilmartin** for their innovative, paradigm-shifting work, which takes an interdisciplinary approach to design with a focus on cultural and civic projects.

DS+R is currently working on the renovation and expansion of the Museum of Modern Art, in collaboration with Gensler, a project that increases gallery space by one third, optimizes current spaces to be more flexible and technologically sophisticated, and creates publicly accessible street-level galleries that connect the Museum to the people of midtown Manhattan. Their design of the newly opened, multi-arts center The Shed incorporates an outer shell that moves on rails and transforms to accommodate a variety of large-scale performances, installations and events. Other notable New York projects include the adaptive reuse of an obsolete, industrial rail infrastructure into the 1.5 mile-long High Line, designed in collaboration with James Corner Field Operations and Piet Oudoul, and the transformation of the iconic Lincoln Center and its public spaces.

Liz Diller will give a short talk on the firm's most recent and in-progress local projects following the awards ceremony, and the four firm partners will take part in a conversation led by **Martino Stierli**, The Philip Johnson Chief Curator of Architecture and Design at MoMA. The evening will conclude with a cocktail reception and hors d'oeuvres.

Proceeds from the Change Agent Award Reception support SAH in implementing educational programming, developing print and online resources, and carrying out its mission to promote the study, interpretation, and conservation of architecture, design, landscapes, and urbanism worldwide for the benefit of all. Proceeds also benefit the ongoing restoration of SAH's National Historic Landmark headquarters in Chicago, Charnley-Perksy House (1891–1892), designed by Adler and Sullivan with Frank Lloyd Wright.



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Tickets are \$195 per person and are available at sah.org/change-agent-award.

The Society of Architectural Historians is a nonprofit membership organization that promotes the study, interpretation and conservation of architecture, design, landscapes and urbanism worldwide. Founded in 1940, SAH serves a network of local, national and international institutions and individuals who, by profession or interest, focus on the history of the built environment and its role in shaping contemporary life. SAH promotes meaningful public engagement with the history of the built environment through advocacy efforts, print and online publications, and local, national and international programs. Learn more at sah.org.

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