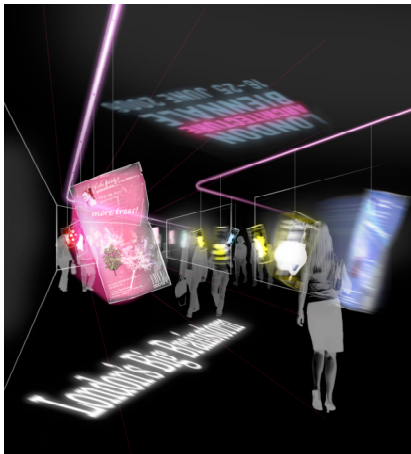


London Architecture Biennale 2006

Big London Brainstorm

16-25 June 2006

Smithfield House
Lindsey Street
London EC1A 9HP
Admission free



Big London Brainstorm, the London Architecture Biennale 'headline' exhibition, will be a visually striking display of the ideas of London celebrities, architects and designers created in response to the 2006 Biennale's theme of 'Change'.

Curated by Tom Dyckhoff, the Times architecture critic, and designed by Piercy Conner, the exhibition will be a swirling brainstorm on display at the London Architecture Biennale HQ bar and gallery, Smithfield House, near Smithfield Market.

Ideas in the form of drawings, photographs, objects and models will be sealed and packaged, then placed on a conveyer system, engulfing the space in a collective 'idea-storm', suspended, projected and intervening into the space. The idea packs will include designs by many famous names who are fascinated by life in London, from celebrities to politicians to architects. Visitors to the show will be invited to contribute designs on a postcard at an 'ideas station'.

The brainstorm will include ideas about how to make life in London a little easier, and explore the Biennale theme of 'Change' from changes in the physical infrastructure and landscape of the city (including the major developments at King's Cross and Elephant & Castle), to change in buildings and architectural form; from change in the public's interaction with the built environment, to the change in urban markets – the current vogue for shopping at the historic food markets of Borough and Smithfield - and the constant shifting of the City's financial markets.

There will be a charity auction of the original works with proceeds going the Stephen Lawrence Trust.

Rosettes will be awarded for Best in Show and other categories.

**For more information on the London Architecture Biennale or the exhibition contact:
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Notes for editors

1. The London Architecture Biennale launched for the first time in June 2004 with an explosive ten-day celebration of Clerkenwell and its diverse architectural scene, offering a vibrant, international alternative to the more established Venice Biennale.

- 25,000 people attended the inaugural Biennale over ten days
- £6,900 raised for charities Shelter and the Architectural Education Trust
- Over 180 architecture practices and related organisations supported the Biennale
- 3,500 tickets sold

2. In June 2006, the London Architecture Biennale will once again centre around the Smithfield area but will extend its reach to include a route connecting King's Cross and Bankside. Talks, exhibitions, walks, film screenings, parties, debates, artworks, Thames events and an awards ceremony will reflect the Biennale's aim to celebrate diverse creative talent in London and to bring that talent to bear on real issues that confront the city today. The London Architecture Biennale will form a 5km long architecture exhibition along the Biennale route.

Plans for the ten-day programme, which include invited contributions from architects and planners around the world, include:

- a King's Cross to Borough Market walking and cycling route dotted with interventions, events and guided tours
- a 1162 seat headline talk by Pritzker Prize winning architect Rem Koolhaas at the Barbican on London's changing skyline
- a 'sermon' by Renzo Piano at Southwark Cathedral
- an inaugural sheep drive across the Millennium Bridge
- an exhibition on the Millennium Bridge to include exclusive material from Biennale President and author Peter Ackroyd and designed by Arup and Fosters.
- talks and events by internationally acclaimed architects at venues including the Barbican and Sadler's Wells
- Social Cinema – projections of the city onto the city – and a Biennale Film Series at the Barbican
- artists' projects organised by Tate Modern and the British Library
- events and temporary interventions in open spaces including Paternoster Square, Clerkenwell Green and Exmouth Market
- a National Architecture Student Festival including the creation of temporary and permanent structures inspired by their immediate surroundings.

2. London Architecture Biennale is funded by major corporate sponsors, public sector agencies, local authority funding and individuals. For further information on funding please contact Lucy Wilson at the address below.

3. London Architecture Biennale will run as part of the 10th Architecture Week www.architectureweek.org.uk for details of more than 350 events around the country. For further press information on Architecture Week please contact: Carolyn Larkin / Julienne Webster at Caro Communications 020 7336 8488 carolyn@carocommunications.com or julienne@carocommunications.com

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