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Dallas Architecture Forum presents
Designing and Downsizing
December 13, 2011 at Dallas Center for Architecture

Dallas Architecture Forum, the non-profit organization dedicated to providing challenging and on-going public discourse about architecture will present a moderated panel discussion on *Designing and Downsizing* on Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Dallas Center for Architecture, 1909 Woodall Rodgers, Ste. 100. Admission is free and no reservatons are required. **Krys BOYD, Host and Managing Editor of KERA-FM's talk show *Think*, will serve as Moderator.** Call 214-764-2406 for more information.

As conventional energy sources diminish and more consumers demand environmentally sustainable design and construction, have we reached the end of the "bigger is better" aesthetic in residential and commercial architecture? We'll discuss what impact a desire for a smaller carbon footprint might have on average square footages of new homes and businesses, the challenges of reducing size, and energy and resource consumption without compromising form or function, and the ways in which these smaller spaces might affect how we live, work and interact in the future.

About the Dallas Architecture Forum

The Dallas Architecture Forum is a not-for-profit civic organization that brings leading architectural thought leaders from around the world to speak in Dallas and also fosters important local dialogue about the major issues impacting our urban environment. The Forum was founded in 1996 by some of Dallas' leading architects, business, cultural and civic leaders, and it continues to benefit from active support and guidance from these citizens. The Forum fulfills its mission of providing a continuing and challenging public discourse on architecture and urban design in - and for - the Dallas area. The Dallas Architecture Forum's members include architects, design professionals, students and educators, and a broad range of civic-minded individuals and companies intent to improve the urban environment in North Texas. The Forum has been recognized nationally with an AIA Collaboration Achievement Award for its strategic partnerships with other organizations focused on architecture, urban planning and the arts.

Among the over 130 speakers who have addressed the Forum's Lecture Series are Shigeru Ban, Brad Cloepfil, Diller + Scofidio, Peter Eisenman, Michael Graves, Daniel Libeskind, Thomas Phifer, Rafael Vinoly, Juhani Pallasmaa, AIA Gold Medal Winner Peter Bohlin, and regional architects David Lake and Ted Flato. Pritzker Prize winners speaking to the Forum have been Kazuyo Sejima, Rafael Moneo, Thom Mayne, Rem Koolhaas and Norman Foster (the latter two in collaboration with the ATT Performing Arts

Center). Other speakers for the Forum have been leading designers Calvin Tsao, Andrée Putman, and Karim Rashid; landscape architect Michael Van Valkenburgh; and National Trust President Emeritus Richard Moe. Important critics, authors and patrons who have spoken to the Forum include Emily Pulitzer, Terence Riley, Pulitzer Prize winners Robert Campbell and Blair Kamin, Aaron Betsky, and the late David Dillon.

The Forum organizes and presents an annual series of Panels—local, informal, open, and offered free of charge as a public service to the community—led by a moderator who brings a subject of local importance along with comments by participating panelists. Moderators and Panelists have also come from both other Texas cities as well as from national institutions that were connected with particular Panel subjects. Panels offer attendees the opportunity to participate in creating discourse. Important topics addressed in Panels in recent years include: "Thoughts on the Dallas Comprehensive Plan"; "The Kimbell Expansion: A Discussion"; "Filling Out the Dallas Arts District"; and "Re-envisioning the Trinity".

The Dallas Architecture Forum also presents two symposia annually. The Forum works closely with the School of Architecture of the University of Texas at Arlington, and jointly presents the David Dillon Symposium in Texas Architecture. Symposia have focused on local architectural icons Frank Welch and E. G. Hamilton, and on "African American Architecture in Dallas". The Dallas Design Symposium, founded four years ago by the Forum, has created a partnership with the Nasher Sculpture Center and in 2011 presented environmental artist Christo.

For more information on the Dallas Architecture Forum, visit www.dallasarchitectureforum.org. For questions about the Forum, call 214-764-2406. To follow us on **Facebook** visit http://www.facebook.com/pages/Dallas-Architecture-Forum/139899379388425?ref=ts. For **Twitter,** our account is DallasArchForum.

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