



26.10.2009

Pink Project takes GOLD - Design Award of the Federal Republic of Germany

The Design Award of the Federal Republic of Germany is the country's highest distinction in the field of design and is being awarded to the "Pink Project" by Brad Pitt and Graft. It is known as the »Prize of Prizes«. The reason: no other design award sets such strict criteria on entries. Thus, a company can only enter the competition for the Design Award if its product has already been awarded a national or international design prize. Another precondition for entry is that companies must have been nominated by the Ministries and Senators of the Federal States or by the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology.

The Pink Project was the inaugural event of the NGO Make It Right and initiated and designed by Brad Pitt and realized in collaboration with Graft.

Winner Gallery 2010

<http://www.german-design-council.de/deutscher-designpreis/designpreis-2010/gewinner.html>



23. Oct. 2009

Grand Opening Radisson SAS Iveria Hotel, Tbilisi

opening: 23.10.2009, 7:30 pm

location: Radisson SAS Iveria Hotel, Rose Revolution Square 1, Tbilisi, Georgia

The Radisson SAS Iveria Hotel designed by GRAFT celebrates its Grand Opening on October 23rd, 2009. The conversion of a 60's hotel high rise building into a five star Radissons SAS Iveria Hotel accommodates 249 rooms, including 44 Business Class rooms, 15 Suites and one Executive Suite, Italian Restaurant Filini, Surface Restaurant and Lounge Bar, a conference centre with fully equipped 10 meeting rooms including divisible Ballroom with a maximum capacity of 450 persons, a bank office and a travel agency. A two-floor roof top ANNE SEMONIN spa and wellness facility and the roof top Oxygen Bar provide stunning views over the city of Tbilisi and to the Caucasus. A two-level Casino Iveria is affiliated to the hotel.

The project's goal is to transform an urban landmark building of the so-called international style by anchoring it in the local environment of the city centre and by reconnecting it to the world of today. The Iveria Hotel is a beacon of optimism for the future of Georgia, reassuring its own incomparable tradition, identity and self confidence, this project reinvents living culture without neglecting its close history, -a real GRAFTing.

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Official Press Release

<http://www.graftlab.net/auftritt/daten/pdf/GRAFT%20-%20Press%20Release%20-%20Radisson%20SAS%20Iveria%20Hotel%20Tbilisi.pdf>

19.-21. Oct. 2009

Graft Lecture at CiaBX 2009

Graft Partner Alejandra Lillo will be speaking at the CiaBX 2009, the International Symposium of Architecture at the University De La Salle Bajio. Under the superordinate topic "The Complexity in Architecture", Alejandra Lillo will give insight into Graft's substantial involvement in the Make It Right Initiative, rebuilding New Orleans' Lower Ninth Quarter.

The symposium will take place Oct. 19-21. in the city of Leon, Guanajuato, México.

official website (sp)

<http://bajio.delasalle.edu.mx/web3/contenidos/ciabx.php>

15.-21. Oct. 2009

Graft Lecture+Stand at Shanghai International Creative Industries Week 2009

Graft will be present with its own Stand at the German Pavillion during the Shanghai International Creative Industries Week 2009. The Creative Week is an internationally recognized platform for promoting creative industries, the exchanging of ideas and the communication of new concepts.

15. Oct. 19:00, Official Opening

20. Oct. German Day Special Events, Graft sponsored Mojito Bar, German DJ's

20. Oct. 16:00 lecture by Graft Beijing Founding Partner Gregor Hoheisel

Location: 800 Show
800 Chang De Road
Jing An District
Shanghai, China

official website

http://www.021ci.com/2009siciw/siciw_index.htm#

creative germany website

http://www.creativegermany.com/en/en_home.html



14. Oct. 2009

GRAFT Lecture at Deutsche Guggenheim

The 50th Anniversary of the Guggenheim Museum

14. Oct. - 19:00 - Lecture by Lars Krückeberg, GRAFT, and film screening

The internationally renowned architecture office GRAFT, known for its extraordinary approaches and organizational forms, outlines Frank Lloyd Wright and his importance to today's architecture. Afterwards, the documentary film Art, Architecture, and Innovation – Celebrating the Guggenheim Museum will be screened, which was shot on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Wright's legendary museum building.

Please call for admission: (030) 20 20 93-11.

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02. October 2009

Architecture in Times of Need

Book Presentation, Lecture and Panel Discussion in Berlin

The editor Kristin Feireiss, GRAFT and Prestel Publishing launch the newly published book "Architecture in Times of Need":

Friday, October 2, 2009, 8 PM

Aedes Network Campus Berlin, Christinenstr. 18-19, 10119 Berlin

Admission is free. Please register: jb@aedes-arc.de

Welcome and Introduction

Kristin Feireiss, Aedes, Berlin and Katharina Haderer, Chief Editor, Prestel Publishing, Munich, Berlin, London, New York.

Short presentation of the entire 'Make It Right' project with GRAFT.

Panel Discussion

"The current condition and future of aid organisations in New Orleans and abroad"

Participants

Tom Darden, Executive Director, Make It Right, New Orleans; Lars Krückeberg, Wolfram Putz, Thomas Willemeit, GRAFT, Berlin, Los Angeles; Dr. h.c. Kristin Feireiss, Aedes, Berlin; Dr. Heide Schuster, Werner Sobek Ingenieure Stuttgart; Manuela Kikillus, Geschäftsführerin, Habitat for Humanity Deutschland, Köln; Prof. Peter Russell, CAAD RWTH Aachen, Aachen

Moderation

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full press release

http://www.graftlab.net/auftritt/daten/pdf/091000_Graft_bookpresentation.pdf