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29th PIRAN DAYS OF ARCHITECTURE

November 26th, 2011, Tartini theatre, Piran, Slovenia

The twenty-ninth successive international architectural conference Piran Days of Architecture under the honorary patronage of Mr dr. Boštjan Žekš, Minister of Culture of the Republic of Slovenia, will take part on the last Saturday in November in Gledališče Tartini in Piran, with the opening of six accompanying architectural exhibitions. The conference will be concluded on Saturday at 20.00 in Monfort salt warehouse with the traditional conferring of the well-known international Piranesi Award.

Theme

Active Architecture

Architecture is not passive. Architecture is already active in its elementarity. In today's world, therefore, which is governed the capitalist economic logic and binary virtual thinking, in which it seems that we have lost step with time, it must preserve or take over once again the role of active designer of space and living and engine of civilisation's progress. Architecture activates society's social and economic relations. Architecture represents the culture and power of a nation; its identity. Architecture shapes space and mankind. It respects the environment, tradition and contemporary technology. It designs new systems of living. It challenges the imagination. It inspires creativity ... Architecture is responsive. Architecture is active.

Program

6 speakers_9 lecturers

Gerd Bergmeister, Michaela Wolf | bergmeisterwolf architekten | Brixen, Italy

Franz Jaschke | WINFRIED BRENNE ARCHITEKTEN | Berlin, Germany

Miloš Florijančič, Matej Blenkuš | abiro | Ljubljana, Slovenia

Benny Govaert, Damiaan Vanhoutte | Govaert & Vanhoutte architecten | Brugge, Belgium

Vera Grimmer | Zagreb, Croatia | Lecture about work of architect Ivan Vitić

Valentin Bearth | BEARTH & DEPLAZES ARCHITEKTEN | Chur, Switzerland

3 students' presentations

1 documentary film

KOCHUU: Japanese Architecture / Influence & Origin | film by Jesper Wachtmeister, 2003

6 architectural exhibitions

International architectural exhibition Piranesi

Maks Fabiani | Miran Kambic photo exhibition

Brick and Architecture_constant partners | Wienerberger_Opekarna Ormoz exhibition

Continuity of Modernity_Fragments of Croatian Architecture from Modernism to 2010 | Oris, Arhitektst

Minimal Dwellings for young Families | Ljubljana Faculty of Architecture

South Africa Ithuba project 2010_Designing and construction of classroom and library | Ljubljana Faculty of Architecture

1 Piranesi Award_2 Piranesi honorable mention_1 Piranesi student's honorable mention

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