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Rice Design Alliance Announces 2011 Home Tour

Tour to focus on non-Houston architects' work in the city

Houston, Texas (10 January 2011) - The Rice Design Alliance (RDA) announces dates for its 35th annual architecture, which will occur Saturday, April 2 and Sunday, April 3, 2011. The tour, *Houses of Import,* will feature homes designed by architects from outside the Houston region.

The tour will showcase visiting architects. fresh insight and inspiration to Houston's architectural vitality. *Houses of Import* reveals how unique characteristics of Houston – climate, history, transportation, landscape, lack of zoning are interpreted from an "outsiders" perspective. Ultimately, the tour seeks to understand how an emerging global design practice is beginning to have a substantive impact on our local residential design market.
RDA members and their guests are invited to attend the tour.

EVENT INFORMATION

What:	Rice Design Alliance Architecture Tour: ***Houses of Import***
Dates:	April 2-3, 2011
Locations:	1916 Banks Street (Handmade House) 2010 Olson Sundberg Kundig Allen, Seattle, WA
	6001 Charlotte Street 2005 Price Harrison & Associates, Nashville, TN
	3122 Sunset Boulevard (Casita) 2010 W. Jude LeBlanc, Atlanta, GA
	3506 Sunset Boulevard 2005 David Heymann, Architect, Austin, TX
	606 West Friar Tuck Lane 2003 Lake | Flato Architects, San Antonio, TX

Tickets: The tour is open only to RDA members and their guests. RDA

memberships begin at $45 and can be purchased during the tour or in advance at the RDA office, and include one complimentary tour ticket at the Student or Individual level or two complimentary tickets at the Household level and above. Ticket prices for members and their guests are $25. Please visit www.ricedesignalliance.org for full details.

The Rice Design Alliance has held architecture tours every year since 1975 to acquaint Houstonians with the best examples of architecture, interior design, and landscape design in the city.
The Rice Design Alliance is an AIA/CES Registered Provider of educational programs. For this tour, attendees will earn two Learning Units. Learning Units will be reported to CES Records on the members behalf. Registration at one house on the tour is required. Non-AIA members may pick up a Certificate of Completion to fulfill state MCE requirements.

ABOUT RICE DESIGN ALLIANCE (RDA)
The Rice Design Alliance is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the advancement of architecture, urban design, and the built environment in the Houston region through educational programs, the publication of *Cite: The Architecture + Design Review of Houston*, and active programs to initiate physical improvements. Membership is open to the general public.