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FURNISH Space / Context / Object

RDA Features Innovative Furniture Design in Spring Lecture Series

Houston, TX (December 8, 2011) Rice Design Alliance's inaugural 2012 lecture series, FURNISH Space / Context / Object, will explore progressive ideas, technologies, and cultural forces affecting furniture design as interpreted by a variety of diverse designers from around the world. Specifically, this exploration examines the impact on the overall creative design process by looking at factors such as advancements in materials, overarching cultural shifts, and the intricacies of the manufacturing process itself.

The public and RDA members are invited to hear the following speakers during the series:

Wednesday, January 18

Mike Simonian, San Francisco

<http://www.mikeandmaaike.com>

Wednesday, January 25

Kenneth Cobonpue, The Philippines

<http://www.kennethcobonpue.com>

Wednesday, February 1

Jurgen Bey, Rotterdam

<http://www.studiomakinkbey.nl/>

All lectures will be held at 7:00 p.m. in Brown Auditorium in The Museum of Fine Arts Caroline Wiess Law Building, each with a pre-lecture reception at 6:00 p.m. in the museum lobby. The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston is located at 1001 Bissonnet (enter via the Main Street door.) No guaranteed seating for ticket holders after 7:00 p.m. Additional parking is available until 7:00 p.m. for \$6 in the museum garage located at the corner of Binz and Fannin Streets.

RDA will gladly make special accommodations for anyone needing assistance to attend a lecture. Please contact RDA directly, 713.348.4876. A minimum of two week's notice is appreciated.

TICKET INFORMATION

Series Tickets:

\$20 - RDA, MFAH members

\$15 - Senior citizens 65 and older
\$10 - Students with identification
\$35 - Others

Single Tickets (upon availability):

\$7 - RDA, MFAH members; Senior citizens 65 and older; Students with identification
\$10 - Others

For more information, please visit our website, www.ricedesignalliance.org, or call the Rice Design Alliance, (713) 348-4876. As the lecture dates draw closer, tickets may be purchased in advance by visiting www.ricedesignalliance.org.

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. For more information please call (713) 348-4876 or visit www.ricedesignalliance.org