

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Charrette Shop**

Workshop Houston Chosen for Rice Design Alliance's Annual Design Charrette

**WHAT:** 2011 Rice Design Alliance Design Charrette

**WHEN:** Saturday, August 6, 2011, 8:00 am- 4:00 pm. Reception will be held Monday, August 8, from 6-8 pm.

**WHERE:** Rice University, School of Architecture, Anderson Hall (Building 4)  
6100 Main Street (Off Entrance 1).

HOUSTON (22 June 2011) Rice Design Alliance's 2011 design charrette will focus on creating a plan for Workshop Houston's future—a non-profit organization located in Houston's fourth ward whose mission is to build foundations for empowered communities through creative and enriching after-school activities for youth. These activities take place through five "shops"—the "Scholar Shop," the "Beat Shop," the "Bike Shop," the "Chopper Shop," and the "Style Shop"—each focused on nurturing students' practical and creative skills.

The charrette, named "Charrette Shop," will seek to maximize the efficiency of Workshop Houston's current space, and build a plan for expanding the space. More information will be delivered to participants on the day of the charrette.

rdAGENTS, Rice Design Alliance's young professional's group, invite interested parties to participate in the juried competition. An entry fee of \$20 for RDA members and \$30 for non-members will cover breakfast, lunch, and refreshments at day's end. The competition is open to architects and non-architects, designers, individuals or teams of up to five.

For more information and to register, please call 713.348.4976.

**\*\* Jurors for the competition will announce the winning designs at the evening reception, open to the public on Monday, August 8, 2011. \*\***

### **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](http://www.ricedesignalliance.org)

