Ceramic City - Design for Public Space

Potteries Museum & Art Gallery, Bethesda St, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent ST1 3DW

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British Ceramics Biennial – Stoke-on-Trent
3 October – 13 December 2009
A&AJ / British Ceramics Biennial - Ceramic City - Design for Public Space

PROGRAMME: DAY 1 Friday 9th October

CERAMIC CITY: DESIGN FOR PUBLIC SPACE

9 – 10.00 Registration, Tea & Oatcakes

Session 1. Ceramic City: Innovation, Vision & Reality
The future potential for urban renewal in the Potteries and a view of the ceramic industry in a European context

10.00 Introduction: Mick Downs. Director, Urban Vision North Staffordshire

10.05 Keynote: Catalyst for Change – A blueprint for Investment in the Potteries & People
Tom Macartney, Managing Director, North Staffordshire Regeneration Partnership

10.30 Ceramic City - Heritage, Design & the Future City
Ted Cullinan, Chairman, Edward Cullinan Architects

10.55 The European Perspective: Urban Network for Innovation in Ceramics, (UNIC)
Andrew Briggs, Director, The Hothouse - Ceramic Design Centre

11.20 Question & answers

11.30 Morning coffee

Session 2 British Ceramics Biennial 2009
Guerrilla Ceramics - Exploring the urban landscape – Interaction with the city – Communities, participation and legacy

Chair: Deirdre Figueiredo, Director, Craftspace

12.00 Stephen Dixon

12.10 Neil Brownsword

12.20 Robert Dawson

12.30 Vicky Shaw & Gwen Heeney

12.40 CJ O’Neill

12.50 Andrew Burton

1.00 Denise O’Sullivan

1.15 Lunch

Session 3. Community Participation & Civic Engagement
International Models for Ceramic Projects for Public Space

2.15 Walls of Ideas: Ceramic as a tool for the diffusion of Human Rights & Social Change
Françoise Schein, Association Inscrine

2.35 The Tile Workshop in Rio de Janeiro - Promoting Cultural Access & Development through the Arts.
Laura Taves, Director, The Tile Workshop / Atelier Azulejaria

2.55 Ceramic projects in cities to promote European citizenship
Katia de Radiguès, Association Inscrine

3.15 Questions & answers

3.30 Afternoon tea

Session 4. Open Session - Regenerationism
Design - Creativity - Community - Heritage - Change

4 – 5.00 Speakers will lead an open discussion with the audience to raise issues concerning the role and practice of artists in culture led regeneration and “regenerationism”

To include earlier speakers and:
Jeremy Theophilus / Barney Hare Duke, Artistic Directors, British Ceramics Biennial
David Bethell, AirSpaceGallery
Susan Clarke, B Arts Ltd
Mark Brereton, Blurb Online

5 – 6.00 Conference Close and Drinks Reception

7.00 Ceramic City Conference Supper.

PROGRAMME: DAY 2 Saturday 10th October

BRITISH CERAMICS BIENNIAL BUS TOUR

10.00 A journey through Ceramic City: Curators and artists lead a tour of ceramic sites, exhibitions and installations.

1.00 Guerrilla Ceramics Lunch. Emma Bridgewater Ltd, The Courtyard, Eastwood Works, Lichfield Street, City Centre, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, ST1 3EJ

2.00 Independent time for visits to Potteries Museum & Art Gallery, Wedgwood Museum and BCB events and exhibitions.

Close of Ceramic City Conference

HIGHLIGHTS

- North Staffordshire Regeneration Partnership perspective on investment in the arts as a catalyst for change

- Exploring the impact of the process of transition from heavy resource-intensive production to innovation-driven and high technology systems on the communities of the Potteries

- Guerrilla Ceramics: Artists projects as subversive, covert, surprising and unexpected - to encourage the widest of responses pushing at the edges of people’s perceptions of the medium of ceramics

- Walls for Ideas: International ceramic projects promoting social change and human rights through the arts

- Art and design have become strong forces in the interaction between ‘artists’ and ‘community’ and are at the heart of public engagement and cultural democracy

- The city as innovator: Integrating art and design and ceramic materials into urban projects through experimental construction, decoration of façades, embellishment of public spaces, signage and urban furniture.
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Background. In 2004 the North Staffordshire Tourism Strategy recommended the development of an International Ceramics Festival, with the support and engagement of the local ceramics community and industry, to aid regeneration, support a positive city image, and re-affirm Stoke-on-Trent as the ‘Ceramics Centre of the Western World’.

Benefits. Ceramic festivals in other countries have played a major role in revitalising traditional industries, enabling the creation of new businesses and new orders and opportunities for existing companies. The BCB aims to improve the city’s profile, to help define key ceramic heritage sites and establish the Cultural Quarter as a venue for contemporary artistic activity. It also aims to attract thousands of visitors and prosperity into the local economy, but the wider cultural, educational and economic benefits are even more important.

Objectives. The BCB addresses the international ceramic spectrum, through demonstrating the impact of ceramics on the wider world. By showcasing work by designers, artists, studio potters and manufacturers from across the globe, the festival aims to raise public awareness and new viewpoints to communicate different and challenging ways of using ceramics. The festival will encourage greater inclusiveness to break down the boundaries between industry, designers, craftspeople and artists. The BCB also has the strategic objective of demonstrating the benefits of investment in culture and the arts to create a vibrant city with thriving communities.

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The A&AJ comments on public art and design worldwide with a broad interpretation of ‘public art’, which includes visual, sound, literary, political and other approaches to the idea of art in public space.

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In December 2009, the A&AJ launches monographs on public art with publications from Charles Quick and Françoise Schein.

Art&ArchitectureJournal Conference Programme 2010

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Standard Rate Day 1: Ceramic City conference £150
Concessionary Rate Day 1: Ceramic City conference £110
Day 2: British Ceramics Biennial bus tour £20

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A limited number of artist / professional bursaries are available upon application to cover full attendance as a conference delegate (but not including travel costs). Please write a letter supporting your application explaining how the conference might benefit your continuing professional practice.

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FURTHER INFORMATION

This conference has been organized by Art & Architecture Journal in partnership with the British Ceramics Biennial 2009.

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