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This year, Denver will host the American Institute of Architects' annual conference, June 20-11. In this special section, we present a design-focused guide to the city, including recommendations from members of the local architecture and design community as well as highlights from our past coverage of important projects.

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Denver Recommendations



RECORD has asked a group of notable figures in Denver's architecture and design community to recommend must-visit new and historic buildings, as well as their favorite places to eat, drink, shop, and more.

- Darrin Alfred, Curator, Denver Art Museum
- · Sarah Semple Brown, Principal, Semple Brown Design
- Sarah Broughton, Principal, Rowland+Broughton
- Curtis Fentress, Principal, Fentress Architects
- David Hill, Journalist, Architectural Record Contributor
- Lindy Eichenbaum Lent, Executive Director, Civic Center Conservancy
- Michael Paglia, Critic, Columnist for Westword
- Dean Sobel, Director, Clyfford Still Museum

Pictured: Allied Works Architecture's Clyfford Still Museum / Photo © Jeremy Bittermann (above), The Kitchen Denver / Photo courtesy The

Essential Discussions

Visiting the 2013 AIA convention in Denver? Join RECORD in booth #2103 on June 20 and 21 for conversations with Thom Mayne, Tod Williams & Billie Tsien, Thomas Phifer, Michael Winters of Fentress Architects, Jonathan Rose, Adam Yarinsky, Brad Cloepfil, and others



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Sports Authority Field at Mile High (Formerly Invesco Field)

HNTB / Fentress Bradburn Architects

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Frederic C. Hamilton Building at the Denver Art Museum

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<u>Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center</u> Klipp with Brennan Beer Gorman Architects

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October 2012—Architecture Heals

What do you do with a building that's been the site of a mass shooting? Tear it down? Remodel it? Turn it into a memorial for the victims? How do you make a decision?

Photo © Sasha Brück



July 2012—Newsmaker: Curtis Fentress

Curtis Fentress had just three weeks to come up with a design for Denver International Airport. Completed in 1995, the airport—with its distinctive peaked white-fabric roof—helped put Fentress and his Denver-based firm in the architectural spotlight. Since then, the 64-year-old North Carolina native has built a reputation as a forward-thinking designer of airports and other civic buildings.

Photo © Chris Humphreys Photography



April 2012—A New Work of Architecture for Denver's Golden Triangle

Denver's Golden Triangle neighborhood, just south of stately Civic Center Park, has become something of an architectural showcase, with an eclectic assortment of works by Gio Ponti (the 1971 Denver Art Museum), Michael Graves (a 1995 addition to the Denver Public Library), Daniel Libeskind (a 2006 art museum expansion), and Brad Cloepfil (the 2011 Clyfford Still Museum). The area's newest architectural attraction is the History Colorado Center by native David Tryba.

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November 2011—Clyfford Still Museum by Allied Works Opening This Month in Denver

Brad Cloepfil walks through the second-floor galleries of Denver's Clyfford Still Museum, taking it all in. It's the first time the founding principal of Portland, Oregon-based Allied Works Architecture has seen his building since construction was completed, and clearly he likes what he sees.

Photo © Jeremy Bittermann / Clyfford Still Museum



September 2011—Santiago Calatrava Pulls Out of Denver Airport Expansion Project

Last summer, Denver International Airport officials announced, with great fanfare, the selection of Spanish architect Santiago Calatrava to design a \$650 million expansion, including a 500-room hotel, public plaza, and commuter-rail station. Now, just one year later, Calatrava is walking away from the project.

Image courtesy Santiago Calatrava



October 2009—Leaky Libeskind Roof to Be Fixed at Last

Daniel Libeskind's bold \$110 million addition to the Denver Art Museum opened to the public on October 7, 2006. Three weeks later, after a fall snowstorm, the building's sharply angled roof began to leak. Repairing the roof has proved to be no simple matter. But the lengthy process may finally be coming to an end.

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August 2009—Denver's Revamped Zoning Code Could Set Precedent

Denver's 639-page zoning code, written in the 1950s and amended countless times since, is getting an overhaul. Gone will be arcane zoning terms like R-1 and B-2, replaced by specific guidelines and illustrations describing what new buildings should actually look like. And instead of the old code's one-size-fits-all approach, the new rules could vary neighborhood to neighborhood.

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October 2007—David Adjaye's MCA/Denver Opens

For much of its 11-year life, the Museum of Contemporary Art/Denver (MCA) has been overshadowed by the better-known Denver Art Museum. Most recently located in a former fish market downtown, it struggled to attract visitors—despite some well-received shows put together by executive director and chief curator Cydney Payton. But on Sunday the museum will open its new, permanent home: a dark-gray glass box designed by the London-based architect David Adjaye, the rising star's first public building in the United States.

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