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Gang Presence at Architecture Conference

The Architectural Institute of British Columbia's 2012 Annual Conference will kick off in a big way with a keynote address from visionary architect **Jeanne Gang FAIA, LEED AP**.

Ms. Gang is the founder and principal of **Studio Gang Architects**, a Chicago-based collective of architects, designers and thinkers that has rapidly developed a global reputation for a multidisciplinary, collaborative approach to cutting-edge architecture ranging from individual buildings to entire cities. A graduate of Harvard University, she has also taught at Harvard, Princeton and Yale. Ms. Gang has collected numerous awards and wide-spread recognition along the way. In 2011, she was named a recipient of the prestigious MacArthur Fellowship recognizing exceptional merit and promise for continued and enhanced creative work.

"Jeanne Gang has a remarkable and deserved reputation for smart, holistic architecture that tackles the big challenges faced by many communities today, including Vancouver," says **AIBC President Gordon Richards Architect MAIBC FRAIC CP**.

"Whether it's about sustainability, density or livability, there are lessons to be learned through her innovation and success."

In her keynote address, the opening event of the 2012 AIBC Annual Conference, Ms. Gang will explore how the pressing 21st Century challenges of urbanization and climate change suggest the need for architectural innovation at both the high and low ends of the technology spectrum. She will also delve into the search for creative design solutions, from emerging material technologies to natural systems that perform critical ecosystem service roles - such as phytoremediation and biofiltration.

Ms. Gang's success is evident in such acclaimed projects as the Chicago's Aqua Tower, Nature Boardwalk at Lincoln Park Zoo, the Hyderabad O2 residential tower in Hyderabad, India, and, more recently, "Garden in the Machine", a proposal that reimagines an entire Illinois suburb. Her recently-released book, [Reverse Effect: Renewing Chicago's Waterways](#), outlines a revolutionary approach to revitalizing Chicago's legendary riverfront.

Ms. Gang's impact has also extended to Vancouver: her concept for two spectacular residential towers is being considered for a planned Concord Pacific project in the city's downtown core.

The keynote address takes place Wednesday, May 9, 7:30 p.m. at the Vancouver Convention Centre West. This is a free event open to the public as well as conference delegates. For detailed information, visit <http://www.aibc.ca/ac2012/>.

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