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Games Architecture Exhibition Celebrates Winning Design

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This February, the Architectural Institute of British Columbia will feature a special gallery exhibit that showcases the involvement of British Columbia architects in bringing the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games to life. The exhibit, titled ***BienVenue: 2010 Games Architecture***, will offer a unique behind-the-scenes glimpse of the design process involved in creating games-related venues.

BienVenue: 2010 Games Architecture will feature both competition and non-competition venues, 20 in total, including sport facilities, athlete accommodations, training centres, and cultural pavilions.

“B.C.’s architectural community has made a significant contribution to the success of the 2010 Games,” explains AIBC Council President **Pierre E. Gallant MAIBC MRAIC**. “Not only that, but these facilities are going to be welcome additions to our communities long after the competitions have ended and the medals handed out. Through this exhibit, people will be able to see the creativity and innovation behind these world-class venues.”

Featured competition venues include:

- **Peak 2 Peak Gondola Terminal Buildings** - Cannon Design Architecture Inc.
- **Richmond Olympic Oval** - Cannon Design Architecture Inc.
- **UBC Doug Mitchell Thunderbird Sports Centre** - Kasian Architecture Interior Design and Planning Ltd.
- **Vancouver Olympic / Paralympic Centre** - Hughes Condon Marler Architects
- **Whistler Nordic Competition Venue: Ski Jump** - CJP Architects Ltd. in conjunction with Sandwell (structural, mechanical and electrical design)
- **Whistler Olympic Park** - Merrick Architecture – Borowski Lintott Sakumoto Fligg Ltd.
- **Whistler Sliding Centre** - Stantec Architecture Ltd.

Featured non-competition venues include:

- **BC Place Stadium Renovations** – Stantec Architecture Ltd.
- **First Nations Pavilion** - Hotson Bakker Boniface Haden Architects
- **Killarney Ice Rink** – Acton Ostry Architects Inc.
- **Olympic Legacy Affordable Housing Project** - Burrowes Huggins Architects
- **Olympic and Paralympic Village Vancouver (Select Projects)** - Merrick Architecture - Borowski Lintott Sakumoto Fligg Ltd., GBL Architects, Nick Milkovich Architects Inc., Walter Franc Architecture Inc., PWL Landscape Architects and Durante Kreuk Ltd.
- **The Salt Building** – Acton Ostry Architects Inc.
- **Trout Lake Community Centre** – Walter Franc Architecture Inc.

- **Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project** – DA Architects + Planners, Musson Cattell Mackey Partnership (MCM) + LMN Architects
- **Vancouver Olympic Village Plaza** – Hotson Bakker Boniface Haden Architects
- **Whistler Athletes Village: Cheakamus Crossing "Whitewater" and "The Heights" Townhouses** - alkla architecture + design inc.
- **Whistler Athletes' High Performance Centre** - Hotson Bakker Boniface Haden Architects
- **Whistler High Performance Centre: Townhouses and Lodge** – Burrowes Huggins Architects
- **YVR International Arrivals and Olympic Stores** – Stantec Architecture Ltd.

The exhibition will allow visitors and locals alike to view the games from a distinctly architectural perspective. “While each project is unique in its design and purpose, there is a distinctly West Coast architectural style that comes through,” explains AIBC Executive Director **Michael Ernest MAIBC**. “In addition, B.C. architects are leading the way when it comes to such things as sustainability and environmental sensitivity in urban design. This exhibition, and the games themselves, is an opportunity for them to show their stuff.”

A public opening reception will be held on **Thursday, February 11, 2010, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.** Advance reservations are required; please e-mail (communications@aibc.ca). The AIBC's Architecture Centre Gallery is located at #100 - 440 Cambie Street, Vancouver. It is open to the public 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Heavy traffic, road closures, and extensive visitor activity are expected in Vancouver's downtown core throughout the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. Please plan ahead, as parking and traffic routes will be restricted.

More information, including an online image gallery, is available at: http://www.aibc.ca/pub_resources/aibc_outreach/gallery.html. Media may request high resolution images of featured projects via the AIBC Communications Department (communications@aibc.ca).

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