

# CHICAGO ARCHITECTURE FOUNDATION

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## Chicago Architecture Foundation Hosts *Architects Marion Weiss and Michael Manfredi*

*Celebrated architects, experts in transforming urban sites, lead seven summer events*

Chicago, IL (**05.30.2017**) — Chicago Architecture Foundation (CAF) hosts the architects Marion Weiss and Michael Manfredi who will discuss Chicago sites that could benefit from their transformational approach that turns neglected sites into public attractions. The Weiss/Manfredi talk leads [seven summer events](#) at CAF.

### ***Architect Talk: Weiss/Manfredi and the Magic of Urban Transformation***



Seattle's Olympic Sculpture Garden. Photo by Benjamin Benschneider.

Celebrated architects Marion Weiss and Michael Manfredi embrace the challenge of turning difficult urban sites into profound public spaces. Come hear how they marry architecture and landscape to create appealing places out of distressed locations.

**June 15, 2017**

**6:00 pm**

**\$15 public**

**\$7 CAF members**

**Lecture Hall @ CAF, 224 S. Michigan Ave.**

Weiss and Manfredi's ability to transform underutilized, abandoned or neglected sites into places that draw in large numbers of people and drive economic growth can be seen in Seattle's Olympic Sculpture Park and the new Hunter's Point South Waterfront

Park in Queens, New York, among other projects. The two will discuss their work and consider sites in Chicago that could possibly benefit from similar treatment during this lecture and moderated conversation at CAF. Noted architectural commentator Reed Kroloff will serve at the night's host and interviewer.

**PROGRAM SPEAKERS: MARION WEISS & MICHAEL MANFREDI**



Marion Weiss and Michael Manfredi are co-founders of WEISS/MANFREDI, a multidisciplinary design practice based in New York City known for its dynamic integration of architecture, art, infrastructure and landscape. The firm's notable projects include Olympic Sculpture Park in Seattle, Brooklyn Botanic Garden's visitor center and the Singh Center for Nanotechnology at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Marion received her Master of Architecture at Yale University and Michael received his Master of Architecture at Cornell University. Both Marion and Michael have

lectured at top universities and been honored with numerous awards, including the Academy Award for Architecture from the American Academy of Arts and Letters and the New York AIA Gold Medal.

**NOTES:**

- Ticket price includes complimentary beer, wine or soft drinks.
- Discount tickets are available with a valid student ID for \$10 at the CAF Box Office.

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***Daytime Talk: CPL's New Thomas Hughes Children's Library***



Hear about plans to renovate and modernize the Thomas Hughes Children's Library at Harold Washington Library. Brian Vitale, design director and principal at Gensler, will share his firm's re-imagination of the 25,000-square-foot space.

**June 28, 2017**

12:15 pm  
\$5 public  
Free for CAF members\*  
Lecture Hall @ CAF, 224 S. Michigan Ave.

Scheduled to be completed later this year, the updated children's library will feature a welcoming and flexible layout with new IT infrastructure, lighting and furnishings. It will set a precedent for the forthcoming redesign of other early learning centers within 14 neighborhood branch libraries.

**PROGRAM SPEAKER: BRIAN VITALE**



Brian Vitale is a principal and design director in Gensler's Chicago office. He has led many notable and award-winning projects, including the Gratz Center at Fourth Presbyterian Church, the Kohler Creative Communications Center and global headquarters of Johnson Controls, Inc. He has been an invited professor and lecturer at several universities and serves on the Magnificent Mile Association board of directors. Brian holds a B.S. in architectural studies from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a master's degree in architecture from Washington University. In 2014, the AIA awarded Brian its prestigious National Young Architect Award.

**\*NOTES:**

- Although this event is free for CAF members, advance registration is required.
- All online transactions will be charged a \$3 convenience fee. To avoid this fee, order tickets via phone 312.922.3432 or in-person at CAF's Box Office at 224 S. Michigan Ave.

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***Daytime Talk: Dan Kiley's South Garden***



Photo by Tom Harris. Courtesy of The Cultural Landscape Foundation

Join us for a special walking tour of the Art Institute of Chicago's South Garden. CAF has arranged this tour to coincide with our new exhibit, The Landscape Architecture Legacy of Dan Kiley.

July 26, 2017

12:15 pm

\$5 public

Free for CAF members\*

Lecture Hall @ CAF, 224 S. Michigan Ave.

More than 1,000 projects completed by landscape architect [Dan Kiley](#) exist worldwide, including the South Garden at the [Art Institute](#). Chicago Park District historian Julia Bachrach will lead this tour exploring one of Kiley's most well-preserved designs from the mid-1960s, which features a grid of concrete squares, a rectangular pool and a dense canopy of Hawthorn trees.

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## ***Smartphone Photography 101***



Step up your smartphone photography game during this walk-and-shoot seminar in the heart of the city! Local author, CAF docent and avid Instagrammer Molly Page will help you take better architecture photos with any smartphone.

July 29, 2017

9:30 am – 12:30 pm

\$35 public/\$28 CAF members (enrollment capped at 50)

Lecture Hall @ CAF, 224 S. Michigan Ave.

Learn new mobile photography tips and tricks during this walk through the Loop. After you capture some pictures, explore options for editing and sharing them through various apps and platforms, especially Instagram. Mobile photography pros Justin Gibson and Open House Chicago program coordinator Eric Rogers will be on hand to assist. All you need is your smartphone, charger and good walking shoes!

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### ***Bike Talk: Chicago's Cycling Future***



Photo by Romeo Banias

Join CAF for an evening of bikes and brews at Revolution Brewing. Local experts will give rapid-fire presentations on Chicago's bike culture and the state of cycling in our city, followed by an audience Q&A. Beer and a light buffet included!

**August 21, 2017**

**6:00 pm**

**\$35 public**

**\$28 CAF members**

**Revolution Brewing, 2323 N. Milwaukee Ave.**

As cycling enjoys a new Golden Age in Chicago, important questions are being raised regarding the prioritization of bicyclists in transportation planning. What needs to be done to assure the appropriate infrastructure is in place to support bicyclists? How are cycling resources being distributed within our neighborhoods? Chicago Reader columnist John Greenfield, Chicago Park District historian Julia Bachrach and city planner Benet Haller will report on the city's diverse and growing cycling community.

**Note:** This event is open only to guests age 21 and older.

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## ***Daytime Talk: Renovating the House of Tomorrow***



House of Tomorrow. Photo courtesy of Indiana Landmarks.

Learn about the history and planned restoration of the House of Tomorrow, a futuristic model home designed for the 1933-34 Century of Progress Exposition.

**August 23, 2017**

**12:15 pm**

**\$5 public**

**Free for CAF members\***

**Lecture Hall @ CAF, 224 S. Michigan Ave.**

Designed by Modernist architect George Fred Keck, the House of Tomorrow was a pioneering work of glass and steel that forecasted a future lifestyle that was somewhat outlandish, but also startlingly accurate. While its octagonal form and private airplane hangar never quite caught on, its defiant floor-to-ceiling glass curtain wall system was adopted by many builders and architects to come. After the exposition, the home was moved to Beverly Shores, Indiana. Todd Zeiger of Indiana Landmarks will describe the home's condition and plans for bKL Architecture to restore the building.

### **PROGRAM SPEAKER: TODD ZEIGER**

Todd Zeiger is in his twentieth year with Indiana Landmarks where he serves as the director of the Northern Regional Office providing a wide range of consultation, project development and advocacy assistance to grass roots organizations, historic preservation commissions, Main Street communities and private building owners over a seventeen county area. He is the project manager of the Historic Leasing Program that encompasses the Century of Progress Houses at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. He and his family reside in South Bend, Indiana as the fifth generation on their historic farmstead.

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## ***Behind-the-Scenes: The House of Tomorrow***



Photo credit: Hedrich Blessing, Chicago History Museum

Travel with CAF to Beverly Shores, Indiana for an exclusive tour of the legendary House of Tomorrow. See the major restoration underway and visit a neighboring World's Fair model home. We will depart CAF by coach at 9am and return at 5pm.

August 26, 2017

8 Hours

\$68 public

\$60 CAF members

Lecture Hall @ CAF, 224 S. Michigan Ave.

The glass and steel House of Tomorrow was displayed as a predictor of future home styles at the [1933-34 Century of Progress Exposition](#). When the fair ended, the House of Tomorrow and four other model homes from the fair were brought to Beverly Shores, most at the request of real estate developer Robert Bartlett. The House of Tomorrow has since gone into disrepair, but restoration work is now underway. Todd Zeiger of Indiana Landmarks will lead us on this tour, which includes the House of Tomorrow and one other model home. Afterward, we'll grab lunch at Bartlett's Gourmet Grill & Tavern, a local favorite.

### **NOTES:**

- Ticket price includes lunch at Bartlett's Gourmet Grill & Tavern.

- Tour will depart promptly at 9am. Please arrive at least 15 minutes early for check-in.
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The Chicago Architecture Foundation is located at 224 South Michigan Avenue in Chicago. Our award-winning CAF Shop is open 7 days a week, 9 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and includes the CAF Box Office where tickets can be purchased for any of our 85 tours and also features unique home décor and Chicago-themed gifts, books, wall art, local artist jewelry, educational toys and other gifts.

**About the Chicago Architecture Foundation**

The Chicago Architecture Foundation (CAF) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to inspiring people to discover why design matters. As an education leader in architecture and design, CAF offers tours, programs, exhibitions, field trips, curricula and online tools that are part of a dynamic learning journey for all ages. Proceeds from CAF's tours and gift store, as well as grants, sponsorships and donations, support this educational mission. For more information, visit [www.architecture.org](http://www.architecture.org).

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