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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

MAQ's Young Architectural Critic Competition, 3rd Edition

The Maison de l'architecture du Québec is happy to launch the third edition of its annual **MAQ's Young Architectural Critic Competition**, and to announce its collaboration with Rio Tinto Alcan Planetarium, a Space for Life, with the architects of the building Cardin Ramirez | AEdifica Architecture + Design, with publishing medias *Le Devoir* and *Canadian Architect* and, for the very first time, New-York's *Metropolis Magazine* as jury member!

Conscious of the need there is, in this Province, to sustain and stimulate high-caliber critical discourse and architectural writing, the Maison de l'architecture du Québec (MAQ) does its part by inviting students and young writers from all relevant fields (journalism, communications, art history, architecture, design, etc.) to participate in this prestigious annual competition, conducted under the aegis of an expert group of jury members.

BECOME A "STAR" OF ARCHITECTURE CRITICISM!

MAQ's Young Architectural Critic Competition gives aspiring journalists, researchers or curators a chance to test their professional potential and put on display their writing and analytic skills. The Francophone winner will see his or her text published in *Le Devoir*, while the Anglophone winner will get the possibility of publication Canada-wide in *Canadian Architect*. Winners will also receive a professional fee and will have the chance to refine and rewrite their text with the help of the best professionals in the field.

After the Maison symphonique, this third edition's subject is the **Rio Tinto Alcan Planetarium** building. Registered candidates, aged 34 years old or under, are invited to visit this recently inaugurated result of an international architectural competition and then write a **critical text of 600 to 700 words**.

Registration deadline is **October 14th 2013**. Submission deadline is **November 30th 2013, 6 P.M.**

This year, MAQ's Young Architectural Critic Competition is honored to welcome in its jury of experts the *Metropolis Magazine's* editorial director, Mr Paul Makovsky. The jury is presided by Roland-Yves Carignan (ex-Chief Information Officer, *Le Devoir*) and includes jury members Suzanne Paquet (Professor, *Département d'histoire de l'art et d'études cinématographiques*, Université de Montréal) David Theodore (writer, and regional correspondent for *Canadian*

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Architect) and Sophie Gironnay, Director of the MAQ – a well-known architecture journalist in her own right. Elsa Lam, editor of *Canadian Architect*, will act as external advisor.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

Participants are required to fill out a registration form [available online](#) or at the MAQ (10\$ registration fee), before October 14th. The competition is open to all students, design professionals, interns, and freelancers studying or practicing in related fields. Contestants must be aged 34 years old or less (on December 31st 2013, ID photocopy).

Immersing themselves in the realities of professional life, entrants should be aware of related articles on the topic, study the project onsite and obtain by themselves the necessary interviews they deem useful (with the assistance of the MAQ, of course!).

Two **guided tours** of the Rio Tinto Alcan Planetarium will take place on:

- **October 15th 2013, 9 AM;**
- **October 17th 2013, 9 AM.**

Offered by the architect Mr Jean-François Julien (Cardin Ramirez Julien), these tours are not mandatory but we strongly advise candidates to take advantage of the opportunity, that gives access to exclusive information and non-public areas. (NB: There is a limit of 25 people per visit, so make a reservation as soon as possible!).

The 600 to 700 words article must be submitted in Microsoft Word, and must be submitted to the MAQ **BEFORE November 30th, 6 PM (Eastern Standard Time)**. The text can be submitted by e-mail, or in a printed format that can be dropped off at the MAQ.

Judging criteria will include:

- The quality and clarity of style;
- The depth of critical judgment;
- The understanding of the chosen theme and the relevancy of the thesis;
- The suitability for publication in the medias concerned and their readers level of knowledge.

N.B.: The works will be given to the jury anonymously to preserve the impartiality of the jury.

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