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(Haptic – Awakening the Senses exhibition)
This summer the major international programme of talks and symposia on climate change and the role of the built environment continues, including partnership events with the Canadian High Commission, the Hay Festival of Literature and the Danish Embassy.

Leading visionary thinkers and practitioners from disciplines such as environmentalism, architecture, urbanism and art, consider and debate the possibilities and critical agendas in the global efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change. This series will focus on issues of globalisation, cultural identity, local heritage, conservation of the wider environment and the role of design to enable the transformation to a low carbon world.

Curated by Tamara Horbacka, RIBA Trust

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The RIBA’s Climate Change Tools project aims to encourage and assist architects and their clients in understanding the role that buildings play in climate change, and to provide easily understandable guides to the principles, tools and techniques necessary to build low carbon buildings.

The toolkits are all available from www.architecture.com/climatechange
International Dialogues: Architecture and Climate Change

Bernard Voyer with Hugh Broughton

World Explorer

Talk Tuesday 6 May
18.30 Jarvis Hall

Renowned Canadian explorer and mountaineer, Bernard Voyer has over 30 years experience of world expeditions. He reached the North Pole in 1984, the South Pole in 1999 and, in 1999, the roof of the world, Mount Everest – part of a world tour via the highest summit of each continent. He is also a member of the Board of Nature Conservancy of Canada.

In this lecture, Voyer will describe the enormous challenge to protect immense areas of natural habitat and the global implications of the imminent disappearance of the polar ice caps.

Hugh Broughton is the founding director of Hugh Broughton Architects. In 2005, with Faber Maussel, his practice won the international RIBA competition to design Halley VI Research Station for the British Antarctic Survey, which is now under construction on the remote Brunt Ice Shelf, Antarctica. In 2007 Hugh’s practice also won the competition to remodel the Spanish Antarctic Base, Juan Carlos 1, on Livingston Island, in association with the Canadian High Commission.

Edward Burtynsky with David Buckland

Manufactured Landscapes

Talk Friday 9 May
20.20 BFI SouthBank

Edward Burtynsky, one of Canada’s most respected photographers/artists, is internationally acclaimed for his large-scale photographs of nature transformed by industry. ‘Manufactured Landscapes’ – a documentary by award winning director Jennifer Baichwal – follows Burtynsky to China, as he captures the effects of the country’s massive industrial revolution. This remarkable film leads us to meditate on human endeavour and its impact on the planet.

David Buckland is a designer, artist and film-maker. In 2001 Buckland created and now directs the Cape Farewell project, whose ambition is to bring artists, scientists and educators together to address and raise awareness about climate change. They have sailed on three successful expeditions into the High Arctic aboard the schooner Norledlicht.

Film screening followed by an on-stage discussion. Advance booking essential at www.bfi.org.uk or contact the BFI Southbank Box Office 020 7307 3232.

In association with the Canadian High Commission.

Spencer de Grey with Saskia Sassen

Global Practice in Local Scenarios

Talk Thursday 15 May
18.30 Jarvis Hall

Building Futures in conjunction with the RIBA Trust presents an evening discussing the implications of global architecture. What is meant by this term, and what are the issues that unite practice around the world? How does an international approach address a building’s immediate audience and context?

Presented by Professor Saskia Sassen (Department of Sociology and The Committee on Global Thought, Columbia University and Centennial Visiting Professor, LSE) and Spencer de Grey (Foster & Partners).

As part of Futures Fair 08. For further details and to book tickets please contact: buildingfutures@l Iris ts.org or call 020 7307 5350.

Gerald Epp is a partner in the structural engineering firm Fast + Epp, Vancouver, whose projects include the Speed Skating Oval for the 2010 Winter Games and the 2003 Central City Project in British Columbia.

Free but booking essential.

In association with the Canadian High Commission.

Jan Gehl

Talk Tuesday 17 June
18.30 Jarvis Hall

Jan Gehl, eminent Danish architect and leading expert in the field of urban planning, advises many urban design and public projects around the world on the form and use of public spaces to create sustainable cities.

In 2004 Gehl carried out an important study into the quality of the public realm in London, commissioned by Transport for London and Central London Partnership. He also supported the City of Wakefield and the town of Castelford in developing and delivering better public spaces, as part of an initiative known as ‘The Castelford Project’.

In 2007 he was hired by the New York City Department of Transportation to re-imagine New York City streets by introducing designs to improve life for pedestrians and cyclists.

In February 2008, Gehl Architects, won the high-profile competition to transform Hult’s historic Fruit Market site.

In association with The Danish Embassy.

Dan Epstein and Gerald Epp

Building a Sustainable Olympic and Paralympic Games

Talk Wednesday 4 June
18.30 Canada House

With massive building projects undertaken for only a couple of weeks of sporting events, can the Olympic and Paralympic Games be built sustainably? Drawing from examples from Vancouver 2010 and London 2012, Dan Epstein and Gerald Epp will discuss how this can be achieved.

Dan Epstein works for the Olympic Delivery Authority and as Head of Sustainable Development and Regeneration, is responsible for the delivery of the ODAs sustainability objectives for the development.

Gerald Epp is a partner in the structural engineering firm Fast + Epp, Vancouver, whose projects include the Speed Skating Oval for the 2010 Winter Games and the 2003 Central City Project in British Columbia.

Free but booking essential.

In association with the Canadian High Commission.

Ken Shuttleworth

with Wayne Hemingway

Hay Festival of Literature

Talk Tuesday 27 May
13.00 Hay-on-Wye

Ken Shuttleworth is the founder of Make Architects and a former partner at Foster + Partners, where he worked on the Swiss Re tower in London. Committed to designing buildings which are as striking and innovative as they are socially, economically and environmentally responsible, Make’s recent projects include the City of London Information Centre and the 55 Baker Street development in central London.

Wayne Hemingway founded fashion label Red or Dead and now runs a consultancy specialising in affordable and social design. Recent projects include the Stalh's South Bank housing development on Tyneside.

This talk will take place at the Hay Festival for Literature. For further details and to book online see: www.hayfestival.com or contact the Box Office on: 0870 990 2299. Tickets £5.

In association with the Hay Festival of Literature.
Arthur Erickson's Vancouver
Talk 24 June
1830 Jarvis Hall

Arthur Erickson’s Vancouver pays tribute to the role one of Canada’s most prominent architects has played in shaping one of the world’s most amenable and innovative cities.

Since the 1960s, Arthur Erickson has advocated a dense, diverse and socially inclusive city, demonstrated through such landmark projects as the 1969 MacMillan Bloedel Tower, 1975 Robson Square and the 2002 Waterfall Building.

Architect and Vancouverism Curator, Trevor Boddy along with architects, Bing Thom, James Cheng and Engineer Gerry Epp examine Erickson’s design career, urban innovation and the influence he has had on projects of their own through a series of short lectures by some of Vancouver’s leading architects and engineers. Should his health permit him to travel to London, the evening will conclude with brief remarks by Erickson himself.

The Embassies Project is organised by the British Council and the London Festival of Architecture.

Vancouverism: New Westcoast Architecture and City-building
Exhibition 24 June–31 August
Canada House
Fresh approaches to high-density urban architecture in this dynamic city are explored in this specially commissioned exhibition for the London Festival of Architecture at Canada House. It will focus on recent work by architects Bing Thom, James Cheng, engineers Fast + Epp and the dean of Canadian architects, Arthur Erickson.

Curators: Trevor Boddy and Dennis Sharp
Exhibition open weekdays 10.00–18.00 at Canada House, Trafalgar Square, London SW1Y 5BJ

Sustainability Symposium UNESCO and Arup Associates hosted by the RIBA Trust
Event Tuesday 20 May 13.00–17.30 Victoria & Albert Museum

This half-day symposium will focus on the role of architecture and the environment in maintaining local and traditional cultures under threat from increasing globalisation. It considers how architects, designers and engineers can help sustain a sense of local identity both in terms of cultural heritage and the conservation of the environment.

The speakers will discuss the ways in which we can aim for a process of whole life sustainability that places people first: considering differing aspects of value in different cities, rather than creating models that expect people, cities and places around the world to behave in identical ways.

They will be looking at sustainability from a wider cultural perspective, and incorporating local identity into the design process through a reprioritisation of human experience, senses and memory.

Keynote speaker Francesco Bandarin, Head of World Heritage, UNESCO. Introduced by Cecil Balmond, Deputy Chairman, Ove Arup and Partners Limited. Case Studies by Declan O’Carroll, Principal, and Associate Francesca Galeazzi, Arup Associates, who present the award-winning Druk White Lotus School in Ladakh, and by David Turnbull, Director of Atopia. Architect and renowned author, Juhani Pallasmaa will conclude the event.

£20 Full Price, £15 Concessions (including RIBA Members and RIBA Student Members). To book please call the V&A Booking Office 020 7942 2211 or visit www.vam.ac.uk

As part of the V&A-RIBA Architecture Partnership
Druk White Lotus School, Ladakh, Arup Associates and Arup
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**Haptic — Awakening the Senses**

*Exhibition 7 May–7 June
Gallery 1*

This is an exhibition of design objects that focus on the sense of touch, producing an alternative design practice, one that originates in the senses.

The exhibition is curated by the influential Japanese designer Kenya Hara, Chief Executive Designer, Nippon Design Centre Inc. and MUJI, who invited exhibitors to create objects that displayed a quality of textual communication.

The exhibitors include Hara himself, architects Toyo Ito and Shigeru Ban, designers from Panasonic, as well as product, fashion, graphics, and textile designers, a traditional Japanese plasterer, and a science and technology journalist.

The objects on display vary from clocks, cups and clothing for furniture to silicone door handles and mobile phones, textured shoes and a water pachinko game.

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**Memory and Touch: an Exploration of Textural Communication**

*Conference Wednesday 7 May
10.30 Jarvis Hall*

The importance of the sense of touch as a means of communication and our diffidence in acknowledging our accumulated textural intelligence, links to the considerations of the nature of Haptic design developed by the distinguished Japanese designer Kenya Hara, curator of the exhibition Haptic – Awakening the Senses. Presentations will draw on a wide variety of interpretations, disciplines and experiences, exploring the symbolic, cultural, social and technical aspects of textural communication.

The day will be chaired by Vicky Richardson, Editor Blueprint. Speakers include: Kenya Hara, Chief Designer MUJI, Chief Executive Nippon Design; Professor Masayo Ave, Estonia Academy of Art, Founder of the Centre for Haptic Interface Design, Berlin University of Art, Creator of the Haptic dictionary; Robert Zimmer and Professor Janis Jefferies, Goldsmiths Digital Studios, Goldsmiths, University of London; Kate Baker, Belinda Mitchell, School of Architecture and Interior Design, University of Portsmouth.

The conference is organised by the University College for the Creative Arts at Canterbury, Epsom, Farnham, Maidstone and Rochester.

For booking and further details contact lmiller@ucccreative.ac.uk concessions or visit www.transitionandinfluence.com

Tickets £65 (£25 student).

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**Saving a Century:**

*50 years of the Victorian Society*

*Exhibition 6–29 May
Gallery 2*

The triumphant re-opening of St Pancras Station last year as the new Eurostar terminus, is a tribute to the work of the Victorian Society which in 1966 was instrumental in helping save this great Victorian railway station from demolition by British Railways. The Society celebrates its 50th anniversary this year marked by this exhibition of photographs. These illustrate its early defeats in failing to preserve the Euston Arch and the Coal Exchange – but also its many subsequent victories – the Foreign Office, the Albert Dock in Liverpool – which demonstrate the Society’s success in changing public attitudes towards the best architecture of the 19th century, and the continued relevance and use of this for the 21st century city.

Curated by Gavin Stamp

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**Asa Briggs**


*Talk Monday 12 May
18.30 Jarvis Hall*

To coincide with the Saving a Century exhibition, the Victorian Society presents this special anniversary lecture by the Life President of the Victorian Society and one of Britain’s foremost social historians. Well-known as an author and broadcaster, Lord Briggs has helped shape our understanding of the nineteenth century through books such as Victorian People, Victorian Cities and Victorian Things. This lecture will be an exploration of the nature of institutions and the ways in which they construct their identities.

Tickets £10, £5 concessions available from www.victoriansociety.org.uk or by post from The Victorian Society, 1 Priory Gardens, London W4 1TT.

Telephone 020 8747 5895.

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In June and July London explodes with over 300 architectural installations and events. The London Festival of Architecture is a citywide celebration of London’s urban past, present and future. Organised in association with Design for London, London’s landscape will be transformed with events including exhibitions, architect-designed pavilions, installations and activities across the capital.

The RIBA Trust is a major Festival Partner and is co-ordinating activities in the Kensington, Chelsea and Knightsbridge area. It is also organising a wide range of events throughout the Festival month, as are RIBA London Region and Building Futures.

For more information visit www.lfa2008.org

Kensington Chelsea and Knightsbridge Hub:

In the Festival’s opening week the focus is on Kensington Chelsea and Knightsbridge.

Full details can be found at www.lfa2008.org.

RIBA Trust events include:

**Exhibition Road Day**

**Installations, events Saturday 21 June**

10.00–18.30

A full day of architecture and music in Exhibition Road, London’s premiere cultural and learning quarter. The Festival joins forces with Music Day, which each year takes place in over 250 cities worldwide. Enjoy temporary structures and activities led by architects including Foster + Partners, Dixon Jones, Tonkin Liu, Lifschutz Davidson Sandilands, Penoyre & Prasad, Yung Ho Chang, C J Lim, students from the RCA and by the surrounding cultural institutions. Other activities include walks, tours, family activities and music.

For more information, please go to www.lfa2008.org

**Fresh Look**

**V&A + RIBA Architecture Partnership Open Day Saturday 21 June 10.30–16.30**

The V&A + RIBA Partnership invites you to meet curators, hear talks, view highlights from the Drawings and Archives collections and join architectural tours taking a ‘fresh look’ at the V&A and Exhibition Road. Events will explore architectural and cultural aspects and visions for the development of the Exhibition Road area. Also, drop by the Architecture Gallery to see ‘Unseen Hands: 100 Years of structural engineering’ and ‘Architecture Now...but not as we know it’.

For full details of events, visit www.vam.ac.uk/architecture or call 020 7942 2211.

Events are free and drop-in unless otherwise stated, but numbers are limited.

**Prince Charles was right: Modern architecture is still all glass stumps and carbuncles**

**An Intelligence² debate with RIBA Trust Monday 30 June 18.45 Royal Geographical Society 1 Kensington Gore London SW7 2AR**

In 1984 Prince Charles called a proposed addition to the National Gallery a ‘monstrous carbuncle on the face of a much-loved and elegant friend’. More than two decades on cast your vote as speakers, including Alain de Botton, Leon Krier, Stephen Bailey, Roger Scruton, Simon Jenkins and Will Alsop, dispute the state of modern architecture.


**Sustainable by Design**

**Breakfast Discussion Tuesday 1 July 09.00 Danish Embassy 55 Sloane Street London SW1X 9SR**

British architect Tony Fretton discusses architecture’s problem solving capacity with Henning Thorsen from the Danish Architecture Centre’s laboratory for sustainable urban development and representatives from the two exhibitions: Co-Evolution and Sust-Dane-Able. Advance booking essential.

Contact: Inge Henningsen on inghen@um.dk

**Sust-Dane-Able**

**Exhibition 20 June–12 July Danish Embassy, Sloane Street, SW1**

An exhibition displaying sustainable projects by 18 leading Danish architectural practices. Designed by Wayne Hemingway. For admission and opening hours please see: www.sustdaneable.uk

The Embassies Project is organised by the British Council and the London Festival of Architecture.

**Co-Evolution**

**Exhibition 20 June–20 July St Olave’s School, Tooley Street, SE1**

Danish and Chinese architects create visionary yet practical proposals for the development of sustainable cities. A collaboration between the Danish Architecture Centre, four Danish architectural practices and four Chinese universities. For admission and opening hours please see: www.lfa2008.org

The Embassies Project is organised by the British Council and the London Festival of Architecture.
Evolving Norms of British Housing

Exhibition 20 June–19 July
Gallery 2
‘a building should be to the city as a brick is to a brick wall’

Featuring representative schemes from 16 British practices, this exhibition explores fresh models for contextual 21st century housing.
The exhibition, part of the London Festival of Architecture, is curated by Matthew Lloyd of Matthew Lloyd Architects, Michael Howe and Alex Ely of mae architects, Sam Price of Price & Myers, and urban designer Mandar Puranik.

What’s Social About Housing?

Breakfast Panel Discussion 7 July
08.30–10.30 Wren Room
A discussion with the curators, chaired by Kieran Long, Editor of The Architects’ Journal.
To book tickets please contact Anne Williams at Matthew Lloyd Architects on 020 7613 1934 or email anne.williams@matthewlloyd.co.uk

Other RIBA activities during the London Festival of Architecture

‘This House Believes our Cities are not War Zones’
Debate Wednesday 25 June
18.00 BDP
16 Brewhouse Yard London EC1V 4LJ
Chaired by Sunand Prasad, RIBA President, Building Futures presents a lively evening of discussion asking whether the current trend towards protecting and defending buildings and spaces from perceived threats needs to be reconsidered. The aim of the evening is to highlight that free access to public buildings and places is worth some sacrifice in security and that we need to take a step back from current accepted thinking. By denying public access and by disfiguring public space we all risk succumbing to the ‘power of nightmares.’

To book for this free event, please contact the Building Futures team direct at buildingfutures@inst.riba.org

Dark Waters Exhibition and RIBA London/Thames Clippers boat service
Installation and tour 20 June –20 July
Thames Piers
Six Piers along the Thames have been selected for audio visual installations which will connect Londoners with the Thames allowing them to experience the waters on an emotional and immersive level. The exhibition will also relate the past, present and future of the river to give a sense of its entire life. A special edition Ordnance Survey Dark Waters map will complement the boat service and pier installations.
An RIBA London/Thames Clippers boat service will link the piers and main hubs of the festival, allowing visitors to travel between events and exhibitions by boat.
Festival goers can receive a third off ticket prices by downloading the RIBA London Dark Waters discount voucher from www.darkwaters.org.uk or www.architecture.com/ribalondon (terms and conditions apply).

Other RIBA Trust Events at 66 Portland Place during the LFA (Kings Cross and Bloomsbury hub)

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RIBA 66 Portland Place Tour
Tour 3 July and 5 July 13.00
As part of the Bloomsbury hub of the LFA, there will be free guided tours of the building. Pre-booking essential on 020 7307 3755. The building is a fine example of 1930s architecture and decoration, with many original fittings and features.

West Smithfield © Courtesy of David Levene/London Festival of Architecture
Modernism in China
Exhibition 3 July–6 September
Gallery 1

This exhibition addresses China’s absence in written histories of Modernism, examining for the first time the country’s extraordinary architectural development during the early 20th century. This timely exhibition, given the parallels of rapid development that the country is currently undergoing, investigates the role of Modernism, interpreted through distinctive geographical, cultural, historical and political circumstances, in shaping China’s architectural and urban landscapes.

The exhibition coincides with the publication of the book Modernism in China (Wiley, June 2008). Both exhibition and book are co-curated and co-authored by Edward Denison and Guang Yu Ren, authors of Building Shanghai – the Story of China’s Gateway (Wiley, 2006) and Asmar a – Africa’s Secret Modernist City (Merrell 2003 & 2007). They are produced in collaboration with the World Monuments Fund Britain and the British Consulate-General, Shanghai.

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MaXICO
Exhibition 20 June–19 July
Florence Hall

This exhibition presents the dynamic, complex and often contradictory architectural scene of Mexico today.

Architecture in its broader definition is presented, expressed in experimental ways and through new ideas, which are tested and explored through the commissioned work exhibited.

Five up-and-coming Mexican architects such as ReCURSO Studio, a practice concerned with ecological issues, and Ariel Rojo, who blends the boundaries between architecture and design, will present their ideas and thoughts to provide a fascinating insight into contemporary Mexican architecture.

The Embassies Project is organised by the British Council and the London Festival of Architecture.

Presented by the Embassy of Mexico

Architects in Residence:
New education web resource

From April 2008, a new Architects in Residence web resource is available at www.architecture.com/educationandcareers designed to support architects working with teachers on school-based projects in both primary and secondary schools and sixth form colleges. The resource provides a step-by-step guide to setting up a school based architecture and built environment project. The project model is based on a practitioner partnership between an architect and a teacher and is recognised as CPD for both. Architects in Residence supports both individual practitioners working on a project with a single school and programmes set up with a number of practices partnering with a number of schools.

Architects in Residence has been developed and piloted in schools by the RIBA Trust in partnership with Arts Inform, with support from CASE. This initiative is built on a series of RIBA Trust/Arts Inform school-based programmes run since 2000.
Housing Design Awards

Exhibition 23 July–13 September
Florence Hall

To celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Housing Design Awards, this year sees the biggest ever exhibition of at least 60 schemes which have demonstrated excellence in 2008, as well as new photography of historic winners from over the last 60 years of the Awards, as they look today.

Originally launched alongside the NHS by Health Secretary Aneurin Bevan – as housing was seen as key to health – today the awards are sponsored by the Department for Communities and Local Government and are an industry-wide partnership, which celebrates the role of architect, developer, constructor and planning authority.

For further details of past winners please visit www.designforhomes.org/hda

Corus Student Awards 2008

Exhibition 25 July–7 August
Gallery 2

This exhibition features the winning work of students in three categories: Architecture, Structures and Bridge design.

Whilst the architecture brief was to design a housing scheme for an urban community and to consider the way we use and dispose of domestic waste; the structures brief was to design a new regional airport terminal building and control tower; and the bridge brief was to design a structure to carry a pedestrian link and cycleway over a major river that separates two parts of a city.

CRA Student Competition

A Small Sustainable Sports Centre

Exhibition 3–27 September
Gallery 2

The exhibition will feature the winning and other selected entries from the Commonwealth Association of Architects 7th International Student Design Competition for a building with social purpose, bringing the regenerative potential of sport to a poor community. The jury convened in Bangladesh in March 2007 was chaired by Peter Davey. Criteria included site selection and principles of sustainability.

V&A + RIBA Architecture Partnership

Architecture Now:
Up on the Roof

Exhibition at the V&A
Until June

‘London’s most underused asset is just above our heads’
The Mayor of London,
Living Roofs Report, 2006

This display looks at how roof spaces can adapt in the face of climate change, and an ever expanding population, to become more energy efficient and even power and space generating. Presenting several international projects that look at issues such as green roofs and solar suburbs.

Curated by Emilie Harrak,
RIBA Trust.

Unseen Hands: 100 Years of Structural Engineering

Exhibition at the V&A
17 March–7 September
V&A+RIBA Architecture Gallery
(Room 128a)

To mark the centenary of the founding of the Institution of Structural Engineers (IStructE), this exhibition celebrates the importance of engineering in creating some of the most iconic buildings of the past 100 years. Using three themes (towers, structures and Bridge design), this exhibition brings to life the design and construction of edifices including New York’s Empire State Building, Switzerland’s Salginatobel Bridge and Poland’s People’s Hall – as well as more modern projects including the Millau Viaduct, the Eden Project and the still-rising Burj Dubai.

Through a dramatic variety of media – models, drawings, CAD imagery, video and photographs sourced from all over the world – the ambition and ingenuity of these structures is revealed. Developments in material, form and technique are also explored.

The exhibition is curated by architectural writer David Littlefield with the support of the IStructE.

Architecture Talks at the V&A

All gallery talks 13.00–14.00.
Meet at the Meeting Point at the Grand Entrance, V&A at 12.55.
Free and drop-in, but numbers are limited.

Tuesday 20 May
Beyond the sea: the interior design of ocean liners
Catriona Cornelius
RIBA Trust

Thursday 10 June
The RIBA’s international collections
Eleanor Cornelissen
RIBA Trust

Above Millau Viaduct, France, 1993–2004
by Foster + Partners © Ben Johnson, courtesy Foster + Partners
Later in 2008
Le Corbusier – The Art of Architecture
Exhibition in Liverpool
2 October 2008–18 January 2009
Le Corbusier, Lutyens, Liverpool
Make a date in your diary for autumn 2008, when the RIBA brings a major exhibition on the art and architecture of Le Corbusier to Lutyens’ hidden masterpiece, the crypt of the Metropolitan Cathedral, Liverpool, during the city’s year as European Capital of Culture. There will be a full programme of talks, displays, educational and other events, and the exhibition will move to the Barbican Art Gallery, London in 2009, the RIBA’s 175th anniversary year. Check www.architecture.com/lecorbusier for developing information about this exciting programme.

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