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Interior Design Show announces award-winning international Neri&Hu as 2019 Guests of Honour.

IDS19 also welcomes Ryan Korban, DesignAgency and Marina Tabassum to the roster of acclaimed speakers

Toronto, Canada – 2018 – Canada's largest design exposition and conference Interior Design Show 2019 (IDS19) is thrilled to welcome Lyndon Neri and Rossana Hu, the founding partners of Neri&Hu Design and Research Office, as the Guests of Honour at IDS19. In addition, the annual design show has confirmed luxury retail designer Ryan Korban as a keynote speaker.

As an interdisciplinary practice based in Shanghai, they have won numerous international awards such as the Overall Winner of The PLAN Award (2018), EDIDA Designers of the Year (2017), ICONIC Awards' Interior Designers of the Year (2017), Maison & Objet Asia Designers of The Year (2015) and Wallpaper* Designers of The Year (2014). In 2013, they were inducted into the U.S. Interior Design Hall of Fame. Their practice was the Overall Winner of 2011 INSIDE Festival, won AR Awards for Emerging Architecture in 2010 by Architectural Review and was one of the Design Vanguard in 2009 by Architectural Record.

Neri&Hu strongly believe in research as a design tool, and their work draws from the dynamic interaction between experience, detail, material, form and light.

Lyndon and Rossana created Design Republic, an award-winning retail concept store in Shanghai that offers a unique collection of products produced by the world's best design talents and were appointed Creative Directors of Stellar Works in 2015.



Lyndon Neri & Rossana Hu



Sulwhasoo Flagship Store by Neri&Hu

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Neri&Hu have designed a number of industrial design products for various brands in Europe including Agape, Arflex, Artemide, BD Barcelona Design, BOLON, ClassiCon, Concrete LCDA, Triade, Fritz Hansen, Gandia Blasco, GAN, Kvadrat, LEMA, Meritalia, MOOOI, Nanimarquina, Offecct, Parachilna, Poltrona Frau, Porro, S.Pellegrino, Wallpaper* Handmade, Viabizzuno. In Asia, they have designed for JIA, Stellar Works and many others. They are developing their own neri&hu product line.

Ryan Korban

Without any formal training, Ryan Korban embarked on a career in interior design after graduating from The New School in New York City. He has since developed a unique design aesthetic characterized by a mix of luxury, old-world romance and urban cool. Drawing on inspirations ranging from Monet paintings to Helmut Newton photographs, Korban creates seductive, wondrous spaces specializing in retail design with an emphasis on luxury.

Korban's portfolio includes the homes of prominent figures in the worlds of fashion, film and music. His work can also be seen in some of the most exceptional spaces in New York's retail landscape, including the Balenciaga Men's and Women's flagship stores, the Alexander Wang flagship store and the Aquazzura's New York flagship store.

Additional IDS19 Speakers

In addition to Neri&Hu and Ryan Korban, joining this year's speaker line up at IDS19 are Toronto's DesignAgency and Marina Tabassum from Bangladesh.



Ryan Korban



Aquazzura store, Ryan Korban

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DesignAgency

DesignAgency is an internationally acclaimed design firm with studios in Toronto, Los Angeles, and Barcelona. Founded in Toronto in 1998 by partners Allen Chan, Matt Davis and Anwar Mekhayech, the full-service studio specializes in interior design and strategic brand creation, as well as architectural conceiving, bespoke furniture and lighting, and visual communication. Recent Canadian projects include Momofuku Toronto's Kōjin restaurant, and for the recently opened St. Regis Hotel Toronto, a new lobby with an early morning to late night Astor Lounge café bar, and the luxurious LOUX LOUIS bar and restaurant.



DesignAgency



St Regis Toronto by DesignAgency

Marina Tabassum

Marina Tabassum is the principal of Marina Tabassum Architects, a practice established in 2005 and based in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Her approach to design seeks to develop a language of architecture that is contemporary yet rooted to its place with projects ranging in scale from the residential to community centres, public schools, museums and eco-tourism.



Marina Tabassum

IDS19 Features

IDS19 is also pleased to announce four show features, Haven by Tangible, Maker, Studio North and Prototype and Ontario Wood.

Haven

Conceived as a place to relax, meet or simply take a moment, Haven is an inflatable cloud that you enjoy by walking inside. The feature was designed by Tangible, a Vancouver-based studio dedicated to creating experiences that connect and inspire here and now.

Maker

Returning for the fifth year, Maker features the work of artisanal North American design stars who produce small batch, limited distributions of their work.



Sandro di Carlo by Marina Tabassum



Haven

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Studio North and Prototype

A marketplace where over 65 Canadian and international designers present custom and limited-edition collections of furniture, lighting, glass ceramics, textiles and surface designs in a gallery-like setting. There is also the chance for participants to have their work judged by a panel of design experts.

Ontario Wood

Ontario Wood is an initiative to help consumers identify and purchase locally made Ontario Wood products. This year's installation by Izen Architecture is a round, open pavilion created from a gradually transforming section. Arrayed in a circular form, an elliptical curve flows through a perfect circle and forms two elongated conical forms with an inner gathering space, not unlike a campfire or encampment in a forest clearing. The inspiration stems from the idea of building forms that are easy to erect, dismantle and relocate, and uses conventional building methods to reimagine a modern sense of gathering and community using standard lumber.



Ontario Wood

IDS Conference

IDS Conference is an opportunity for attendees to meet leading designers, thinkers, makers, changers, shapers and dreamers who are coming together to change the world for the better. This year's conference will focus on Future Cities & Urbanism, Technology, Experience and Diversity & Talent.

Technology - Philip Beesley on Tech, Fabric & Design

Philip Beesley has dedicated his career to creating architectural environments that can "feel" and adapt to its occupants. Known for working with artists, engineers and scientists, his exceptional global research collective combines the crafts of lightweight textile structures, computer controls and artificial-life chemistry.



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Future Cities - Tall Wood Buildings: Toronto Case Studies

Mass timber structures for tall buildings are gaining momentum and will soon be visible across Toronto's skyline. This emerging technology is dramatically changing the way we conceptualize, construct and experience everything from offices to residential living.

Talent & Diversity - Is Your Office Ready for Generation Z?

"Generation Z" is about to enter the workplace and companies need to understand who they are and how they work to attract better and retain this talented cohort. Attendees will learn fundamental design solutions to help them and their clients.

Experience - Design as Disruption

When businesses want to fix a broken experience, they need to think about design as "disruption." Led by Paddy Harrington and comprising national leaders, this panel will discuss how design addresses the ever-evolving customer needs in highly competitive markets.

IDS19 Schedule

Thursday, January 17, 2019

IDS Contract: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Opening Night Party: 7 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Friday, January 18, 2019

IDS Contract + IDS Main Hall: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday, January 19, 2019

IDS Main Hall: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Sunday, January 20, 2019

IDS Main Hall: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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About Interior Design Show

From January 17-20, 2019, the Interior Design Show will return to Toronto for its 21th year, showcasing hot-topic design trends and the most innovative of international and Canadian design. An incubator of ideas, the show hosts the most influential design minds of today, curates feature exhibitions and collaborations, and is a platform to launch never-before-seen products. IDS is not just a fair – it's a total design experience. Don't miss the four-day event at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre this winter. Visit InteriorDesignShow.com.

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