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Top architecture talent in Boston to kick off ABX 2012

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ABX 2012 kicks off its inaugural year at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center with an Opening Plenary session, Speaking of Architecture, featuring some of Boston's top design talent, on Wednesday, November 14 from 10:30 am to noon.

Moderated by Renée Loth, editor of ArchitectureBoston magazine and Robert Campbell FAIA, architecture critic at The Boston Globe, the panel includes Peter Kuttner FAIA, David Lee FAIA, Andrea Leers FAIA, William Rawn FAIA and Nader Tehrani.

This event brings together a diverse set of Boston-area architects for a wide-ranging discussion on design for Boston and the world. "This panel at ABX will offer multiple perspectives on the evolution of the collaborative process, civic engagement, technological advancements, the architecture profession and the building industry as a whole," said BSA President Laura Wernick AIA. "The industry is stronger when collaboration happens organically and we hope that this dialog starts this year's tradeshow off on that note."

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Registration for ABX 2012, November 14 - 16 is available at abexpo.com.

Speaking of Architecture, like the conference overall, will appeal to architects, engineers, contractors and other building industry professionals from all firm sizes and professional levels.

Peter Kuttner FAIA is the president of Cambridge Seven Associates (C7A), a multidisciplinary firm whose work includes museums, education, transportation, and hospitality design around the world. C7A received the 1993 AIA Architecture Firm Award. Peter specializes in informal and formal learning in museums and college facilities, with a particular focus on interactive and participatory experiences in the sciences.

David Lee FAIA is a partner at Stull and Lee, Boston, and a past president of the BSA. Currently an adjunct professor at the Harvard Graduate School of Design, Lee has served on the faculties of the Rhode Island School of Design and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Andrea Leers FAIA is a principal of Leers Weinzapfel Associates, Boston, the 2007 AIA Architecture Firm Award. The firm's award-winning projects include the expansion of the Harvard Science Center, the Harvard New College Theatre/Farkas Hall (formerly Hasty Pudding), the MBTA's Operations Control Center in Boston and the Taunton Trial Court in Taunton, MA.

William Rawn FAIA is the founding principal of William Rawn Associates, Architects, Boston, which has developed a national reputation for the design of public buildings, cultural facilities, and college and university projects.

Nader Tehrani, head of the Department of Architecture at MIT School of Architecture and Planning, is also principal and founder of NADAAA. Previously a principal and founder of Office dA, Nader designed award-winning projects such as the Fleet Library at RISD, the Multi-faith Spiritual Center at

Northeastern University, and the LEED-Gold certified Macallen Building in Boston.

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