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DESIGN EXCHANGE PRESENTS **MASTERBUILDERS**, _____ AN EXHIBIT OF ONTARIO BUILDING PROJECTS

Toronto, Ontario : The Design Exchange (DX) announces its next exhibition, which will showcase unique architectural projects from Ontario. The exhibit, **MasterBuilders** , is slated to open Saturday May 29th coinciding with the “Doors Open” weekend. The DX is located at 234 Bay Street, in downtown Toronto.

The selection of projects for this exhibit was directed by the new DX President and CEO, Samantha S. Sannella, an architect, interior designer and educator. Ms. Sannella, who was appointed last fall, chose a panel of design professionals and educators including representatives from the Ontario Association of Architects, the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers and Registered Association of Interior Designers.

MasterBuilders includes new construction projects created as part of the Public Infrastructure Renewal program (formerly SuperBuild). The range of projects illustrates the valuable role that Canadian designers, developers and construction companies are taking in shaping the face of public institutions. Twenty-two projects will be on display, including buildings as diverse as art galleries, student residences and research facilities. Projects represent Toronto, Ottawa, Barrie, Peterborough, Richmond Hill, Welland, Scarborough, Thunder Bay, Hamilton, and Whitby. Visitors will gain an appreciation for the impact of good building design, and the role it serves in building community pride.

The exhibit opens to the public on Saturday May 29, which coincides with Doors Open, and some of the projects selected for the **MasterBuilders** exhibit are participating in Doors Open, including Woodsworth College Student Residence, The Bahen Centre for IT, the Bloorview MacMillan Children's Centre and the Sharp Centre for Design at OCAD.

The Lead Sponsor of **MasterBuilders** is the Ontario Association of Architects. The exhibit is supported by Diamond and Schmitt Architects, and the media partner is *Canadian Architect* magazine.

The following is a complete list of projects selected for the **MasterBuilders** exhibit at the DX (May 29-June 20):

- Centre for Cellular and Biomolecular Research, Toronto (architectsAlliance with Behnisch, Behnisch & Partner)
- Woodsworth College Student Residence, Toronto (architectsAlliance)
- Pond Road Student Residence, Toronto (architectsAlliance)
- Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts, Toronto (Diamond and Schmitt Architects Inc.)
- The Bahen Centre for Information Technology, Toronto (Diamond and Schmitt Architects Inc)
- Peter Gzowski College/First Peoples House of Learning, Trent University, Peterborough (Dunlop Architects Inc. with Two Row Architects)
- Student Centre, University of Toronto at Scarborough (Dunlop Architects Inc.)
- Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (Farrow Partnership Architects)
- MacLaren Art Centre, Barrie (Hariri Pontarini Architects)
- Robertson House Crisis Care Centre, Toronto (Hariri Pontarini Architects)
- L'Arche Dayspring Chapel, Richmond Hill (Joe Lobko Architect Inc.)
- HP Science and Technology Centre, Centennial College, Scarborough (Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg Architects in association with Stone McQuire Vogt)
- Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, Don Mills (Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg Architects)
- James Stewart Centre for Mathematics, McMaster University, Hamilton (Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg Architects)
- 25 Leonard Avenue, Phase II Toronto (Levitt Goodman Architects)
- Bloorview MacMillan Children's Centre, Toronto (Montgomery Sisam Architects Inc. with Dunlop Architects Inc.)
- Sharp Centre for Design, Ontario College of Art and Design, Toronto (Alsop Architects Ltd., with Robbie/Young & Wright Architects)
- Renaissance ROM, Toronto (Studio Daniel Liebeskind with Bregman and Hamann Architects)
- HtO (Toronto Harbourfront Parks and Open Space System International Competition-Winning Submission), Toronto (Janet Rosenberg & Associates Landscape Architects, with Claude Cormier Architects Paysagistes Inc. and Hariri Pontarini Architects)
- Welland Civic Square and Canal Parklands, Welland (Janet Rosenberg & Associates Landscape Architects, with Carruthers Shaw and Partners Ltd. and Venerino V.P. Panici Architects Inc.)
- Whitby Public Library and Civic Square, Whitby (Shore Tilbe Irwin & Partners)
- War Museum, Ottawa (Moriyama and Teshima Architects with Griffiths Rankin Cook Architects)

DX Location:

234 Bay Street, south of King Street
Toronto, Ontario

TTC Accessible –Subway (King or Union Station), Bay St. Bus, King Street streetcar

DX Hours & Admission

Monday to Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sat/Sun: 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Adults \$8

Students/seniors \$5

DX Members Free

The Design Exchange is Canada's design museum. Its mission is to build awareness for design in all disciplines, which it achieves by presenting exhibitions, lectures, workshops, and education programs and by carrying out research. It is also a registered charitable organization, a member of the Ontario Association of Art Galleries, the Ontario Museum Association and Tourism Toronto.

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