

Press Release

For Immediate Release:

Collisions and Collaborations

Eric Parry is to give a lecture, entitled 'Collisions and Collaborations', at Art & Architecture, The Gallery, 77Cowcross Street, London EC1, on 30th January 2007 at 6.30 pm.

Eric Parry Architects has a long track record of dialogue with artists and sculptors of international standing including Anish Kapoor, Richard Deacon, Stephen Cox and Joel Shapiro. Eric's talk will explore the nature of the creative dialogue between art and architecture in the context of an urban age. Using as a starting point the territories shared by the disciplines of Art and Architecture, Eric will also discuss their differing agendas and interpretations and how the schism between them can be problematic when one crosses into the territory of the other.

The precise nature of the relationship between Art and Architecture has long been a contentious issue, due in large part to unresolved questions regarding the meaning of modern Art. Eric investigates the ways in which both disciplines approach the role and nature of abstraction, autonomy, materiality, narrative, originality, scale and the impact of temporal context.

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Notes to Editors:

Eric Parry Architects is an established and award-winning practice with a growing portfolio of notable work.

Current projects include the nineteen storey office building at 5 Aldermanbury Square in the City of London; the practice is also working on the restoration and redevelopment of the historic St Martin-in-the-Fields Church in Trafalgar Square, due for completion in 2008.

The practice undertakes an unusual range of work, varied in scope and scale. It has won numerous awards, including an RIBA Award 2003 and the AIA Design Excellence Award 2003 for the design of its office building at 30 Finsbury Square, London, the Best Leisure Design at the FX International Interior Design Awards 2001 for the Spa at the Mandarin Oriental, Hyde Park and an RIBA Regional Award 1998 for Foundress Court at Pembroke College, Cambridge University.

Eric Parry founded the practice in 1983. It is based in Finsbury, London, and employs 54 staff. EPA also has an office in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where the practice has designed a number of residential schemes.

Eric Parry has a key involvement in all projects, particularly in their design development stages. He is keenly interested in the bridges between theory, practice, space and society.

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