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THE FUTURE OF ARCHITECTURE THE:AA SCHOOL'S PROJECTS REVIEW EXHIBITION

- *Work on display by 650 students demonstrates some of the most radical and experimental thinking in architecture and cultural enquiry today*
- *AA School's newly expanded Bedford Square campus opens to the public for the first time*

28 May 2010: The Architectural Association School's Projects Review Exhibition (26 June – 17 July) offers an unprecedented opportunity to see the past year's work of 650 students at the world's most international school of architecture. During the past year the AA School has acquired new buildings and spaces around Bedford Square which will be used for the first time for Projects Review and form the basis for a new phase in the life of the AA.

Press Preview: Friday 25 June 2010 from 5.30pm to 6.30pm, Special Preview from 6.30pm - 8.30pm. To RSVP email: anna.cusden@kallaway.com / 020 7221 7883

Hundreds of drawings, models, installations and photographs will be on display alongside large 1:1 working prototypes, interactive media and even performances; all of which provide a snapshot of the latest thinking, experimentation and invention underway within the world's most famous school of architecture. Following in the footsteps of generations of graduates that today are leaders of architecture worldwide, Projects Review is an opportunity to see architecture's future in its most compelling and unexpected form : – in the drawings, models, designs and minds of an emerging generation today.

Comprising two-dozen rooms in the AA's Georgian buildings, this year's exhibition has been curated so that each room making up Projects Review will highlight a pair of independent design units or programmes shown alongside, in contrast or in conversation, with one another.

Introducing the exhibition in the main AA Gallery adjacent to the school's entrance will be a salon providing an overview and orientation of the exhibition and school including the work of its students as well as its renowned Public Programme of cultural events that during the past year have brought hundreds of visiting architects, scholars, critics, artists, engineers and others to London as part of the world's largest year-long series of public events focused on contemporary architectural culture.

Brett Steele, Director, AA School said: *“At the AA, architecture is pursued as a form of cultural knowledge, learning and enquiry. Year-long design projects and portfolios are the focus of each and every student, design unit and creative programme. At the AA we believe that truly great schools don't just nurture and support architectural talent: they build audiences for the new ideas, out of which new architectural ideas, visions and talent emerge. The AA remains committed to building this audience and promoting architecture world-wide at In the 21st Century, the forward edge of culture, practice and learning.”*

Exhibition Details

Exhibition Dates: Saturday 26 June to Friday 17 July 2010

Opening times: Monday to Friday 10am – 7pm; Saturday 26 June 12pm – 5pm, Saturday 3, 10, 17 July 10am – 3pm

<http://www.aaschool.ac.uk/>

Press Information

• Press releases and high resolution images can be downloaded from <http://www.kallaway.co.uk/architectural-association-school.htm>

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Notes to Editors

The Architecture Association School is the world's most renowned international and influential school of architecture. Since 1847, The AA has pioneered a belief in architecture as a profession, culture and a unique form of human enquiry. The School has for decades been home to students and teachers who have gone on to become worldwide leaders of architecture and share creative ideas.

AA School alumni include Zaha Hadid, Rem Koolhaas, Lord Rogers, Will Alsop and many others. Through its unique, year-long, unit based system of teaching, direct intervention in cities and its intensively collaborative team based approach to learning, the school brings together disconnected worlds, fresh ideas and inspiring insights. The AA School is celebrated worldwide as an imaginative setting for architectural culture.

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