



## **BIOGRAPHY**

STEVEN HOLL ARCHITECTS is a 40-person innovative architecture and urban design office working globally as one office from New York City and Beijing. Steven Holl, born in 1947 in Bremerton, Washington, leads the office with senior partner Chris McVoy and junior partner Noah Yaffe. Holl graduated from the University of Washington and pursued architecture studies in Rome in 1970; in 1976 he attended the Architectural Association in London and established Steven Holl Architects in New York City. Considered one of America's most important architects, Steven Holl is recognized for his ability to blend space and light with great contextual sensitivity and to utilize the unique qualities of each project to create a concept-driven design. Steven Holl is a tenured faculty member at Columbia University where he has taught since 1981. In 2001 Time Magazine named Steven Holl as America's Best Architect; he was awarded the 2012 AIA Gold Medal, and the 2010 Jencks Award of the RIBA. Steven Holl Architects, internationally-honored with architecture's most prestigious awards, has realized architectural works with extensive experience in campus and educational facilities, the arts (including museum, gallery, and exhibition design), and residential work. With each project Steven Holl Architects explores new ways to integrate an organizing idea with the programmatic and functional essence of a building. Rather than imposing a style upon different sites and climates, the unique character of a program and a site becomes the starting point for an architectural idea. Steven Holl Architects specializes in seamlessly integrating new projects into contexts with particular cultural and historic importance. Several of the projects involve renovation and expansion of historically important structures: in 2007 the much celebrated addition to The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City, Missouri, opened to the public; recently completed are the Sliced Porosity Block (Chengdu, China), the Daeyang Gallery and House (Seoul, Korea), the Cité de l'Océan et du Surf (Biarritz, France) and the Horizontal Skyscraper (Shenzhen, China). The Campbell Sports Center at Columbia University will open within the spring 2013, and the Glasgow School of Art will open in September 2013.

Steven Holl Architects' Daeyang Gallery and House received a 2012 Annual Design Review Award, and a 2012 Emirates Glass LEAF Award. The Cité de l'Océan et du Surf received a 2012 American Architecture Award, a 2011 Emirates Glass LEAF Award and an Annual Design Review Award, and the Horizontal Skyscraper won a 2011 AIA National Honor Award.

## WORKS



St. Ignatius Chapel, Seattle, USA, 1997



Linked Hybrid, Beijing, China, 2009



Makuhari Bay, Chiba; Japan, 1995



Kiasma Museum, Helsinki, Finland, 1998