

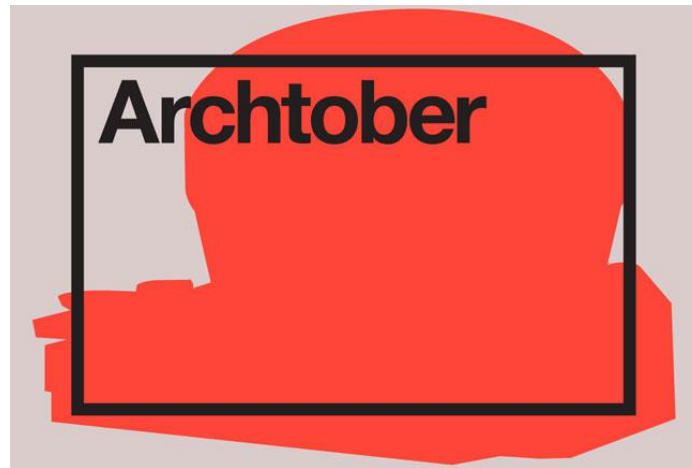
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Archtober, NYC's Architecture and Design Festival, Returns for Fall 2019

More than 80 partners across the five boroughs present 200+ ways to celebrate NYC's built environment.

New York, NY – Updated September 4, 2019 – The ninth-annual **Archtober**, a month-long celebration of architecture and design, is set to take place October 1-31, 2019. Organized by the **Center for Architecture** in collaboration with 80+ partners and sponsors, the 2019 installment of the festival gathers events ranging from daily building tours and lectures by design experts, to architecture-themed competitions and parties.

This year, Archtober is excited to announce two new partnerships. The festival will be joined by NYC's three public library systems—**Brooklyn Public Library**, **New York Public Library**, and **Queens Public Library**—to highlight their work as active community centers and reach even broader audiences across the five boroughs. Check in regularly to see our expanding library programs, which will include tours, panel discussions on new library construction and the future of libraries, and special architecture-focused story time! Also new this year are the festival's **Weekend Getaway** partners, which offer audiences opportunities to explore architecture just a short car ride or train trip away. This year's partners include the **Glass House**, **Grace Farms**, and **Art Omi**.

The festival's popular **[Building of the Day series](#)** of architect-led walking tours continues, with an exciting line-up of 29 contemporary and iconic buildings including Solar Carve by **Studio Gang**, Hunters Point Library by **Steven Holl Architects**, Eleven Madison Park Restaurant by **Allied Works Architecture**, the Statue of Liberty Museum by **FXCollaborative**, and the Bronx Hall of Music by **WXY**. The **Workplace Wednesdays** series also returns, with **[Deborah Berke Partners](#)**, **[Practice for Architecture and Urbanism](#)**, **[Ennead Architects](#)**, **[Diller Scofidio +](#)**

[Renfro](#), and [Thomas Phifer and Partners](#). Each week, one of these firms will invite the public for a special behind-the-scenes look into their offices.

“Now in its ninth year, Archtober looks forward to showcasing the work of more of our collaborators than ever before! We are excited for our growing network of partners, both institutional and professional, to be bolstered by the addition of NYC’s library systems, allowing us to reach an even broader audience across the five boroughs,” says **Benjamin Prosky, Assoc. AIA**, Executive Director of AIA New York and the Center for Architecture. “The festival will also expand beyond the bounds of the city, highlighting some of the unique architecture of our region, just a short train or car ride away.”

From lectures to film screenings and design workshops, Archtober partner events run the length of the month. “[National Design Week](#),” put on by the **Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum** returns once again, along with the celebrated [Architecture and Design Film Festival](#). The **Municipal Art Society** will host its the “[2019 Summit for New York City](#),” which will focus on the economic, environmental, social, and public health impacts of light and air. From October 16-20, Brooklyn welcomes the **National Organization of Minority Architects’** annual conference, “[NOMA '19: Believe the Hype](#).” And don’t miss **Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum’s** “[Responding to Wright: Architects Design for the Guggenheim](#),” featuring talks by several architects who have designed exhibitions within the iconic space.

Opportunities for touring NYC’s architecture go beyond Building of the Day. [Open House New York Weekend](#) will provide unparalleled access to sites across the city. Additional tours throughout the month will be led by the **Historic House Trust of NYC**, the **South Street Seaport Museum**, the **Museum at Eldridge Street**, **Brooklyn Navy Yard**, **Prospect Park Alliance**, and more! And to see the city from the water’s edge, join **Classic Harbor Line**, in partnership with **AIA New York**, for daily [architecture boat tours](#). New offerings include an “**Architecture and the Lights of Gotham**” nighttime tour of our city’s lit up skyline.

Archtober invites audiences of all ages to celebrate the impact of design. This year, the festival offers an expanded offering of family programming, from the Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum’s **Teen Design Fair**, a [family program](#) at the **Museum at Eldridge Street**, the **Queens Foundation for Architecture’s** “[Architecture for Kids](#)” event at the Queens Historical Society. The Center for Architecture has also grown their family offerings for the month, which will include a [Build a LEGO City Family Day](#) and a [Build and Wear Halloween Costume](#) workshop.

The **Center for Architecture** will also host a series of festive, Archtober-branded events for all. During [Pumpkitecture](#), 20 architecture firms will carve pumpkins into architectural works to win the Pritzkerpumpkin. At [Curbed Trivia Night](#), experts will try to stump the audience with questions about architecture, design, and NYC’s built environment. Prizes and bragging rights abound!

Archtober guides will be available at the Center for Architecture, our publicly facing institutional partners, and at select hotels and bookstores across the city. Looking for a book recommendation? Curated shelves, with book selections by Archtober partners, will be up at **McNally Jackson** and **Rizzoli Bookstore**.

Visit our website, [archtober.org](#), to see our lineup of events.

About Archtober

New York City's Architecture and Design Month –presents special tours, lectures, films and exhibitions that focus on the importance of architecture and design in everyday life. Organized by the Center for Architecture in collaboration with partnering organizations across the city, the festival raises awareness of the important role of design in our city and the richness of New York's built environment. www.archtober.org

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