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**OPENHOUSENEWYORK PRESENTS 7TH ANNUAL WEEKEND EVENT
America's Largest Architecture and Design Celebration**

**Free Access to Over 350 Sites and Programs, including Tours, Talks,
Performances, and Family Activities in All Five Boroughs**

Saturday & Sunday, October 10 & 11, 2009

NEW YORK, September 22, 2009—openhousenewyork (OHNY) will present the 7th Annual openhousenewyork Weekend, October 10th and 11th. OHNY provides free access to sites that showcase New York City's rich architectural, design, engineering and cultural heritage. This year's diverse selection ranges from the historic to the cutting edge. More than 175,000 people are expected to participate in the event, which in past years has drawn audiences from beyond the five boroughs to encompass all 50 states and many nations around the world.

"For nearly a decade, openhousenewyork has opened the eyes of millions of New Yorkers and visitors to the city alike to the astounding architecture and design to be found in New York," says Renee Schacht, executive director of OHNY. "This year, we are thrilled to feature private residences, historic landmarks, architect and artist studios, and new sites that demonstrate sustainable design."

Among the participating sites are tours of the legendary **Apollo Theater**, recently renovated by Beyer Blinder and Belle Architects; the **Atlantic Avenue Tunnel**—the world's oldest subway tunnel; the newly opened **High Line** designed by James Corner Field Operations with architects Diller Scofidio + Renfro and, rising above it, the **Standard Hotel** by Todd Schliemann of Polshek Partnership Architects; a contemporary live-work architectural studio in the Red Hook section of Brooklyn—a contemporary gut renovation of a historic 1899 carriage house; the **Richard Meier and Partners Model Museum**, which features models of the architect's celebrate work from his residential houses of the 1960's to the J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles; the award winning **Slot House** in Fort Greene, Brooklyn, which is modest in size, yet abundant in innovative space saving features designed and inhabited by noroof architects; and **Brooklyn Makes**, a self-guided tour that features a series of video projections on building facades that depict what goes on in these buildings – Royal Engraving, Acme Smoked Fish, and Dobbin Mill – during the work day.

Perennial favorite sites and programs will once again be opening their doors to the public: **Alice Austen House**, **Angels and Accordions at The Green-Wood Cemetery**, the **Brooklyn Navy Yard**, the **Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum**, **Ellis Island's South Side and Ferry Building** tours, the **Grand Lodge of Masons**, **High Bridge Water Tower**, **Murray's Cheese**, the **Noguchi Museum**, the **Paul**

Rudolph Foundation/Modulightor Building, Radio City Music Hall, Queens Botanical Garden, Tom Otterness Studio, and Seven World Trade Center.

For the seventh consecutive year, the **Center for Architecture** will serve as the OHNY Welcome Center and host of our two-day OHNY Weekend Family Festival, sponsored by Target. The festival will include free hands-on activities and workshops organized by groups including the Friends of the Upper East Side Historic Districts, The Noble Maritime Center, Solar One, South Street Seaport Museum, Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation, and the Trust for Architectural Easements, as well as Center for Architecture Foundation, among others.

OHNY has partnered with Metro New York to publish ***At Home with Metro OHNY Special Edition***, which will contain complete listings for the 7th Annual openhouse**newyork** Weekend and features an insider's look at NYC's architecture and design and highlights trends in the real estate industry as well as new neighborhood developments. ***At Home with Metro OHNY Special Edition*** will be inserted in Metro New York on October 2nd and October 5th, and during OHNY Weekend, it will be available at the Center for Architecture. All listings, including changes and additions, will be available online at www.ohny.org beginning October 1st.

Two kick-off events to benefit OHNY are planned this year. OHNY and The Architects Newspaper are pleased to present the New York premiere of **VISUAL ACOUSTICS**, a documentary narrated by Dustin Hoffman on the life and career of architectural photographer Julius Shulman who captured architectural gems by Frank Lloyd Wright, Richard Neutra, John Lautner, and Frank Gehry in Southern California. The screening will be held on Monday, October 5th, at 6:30 pm at the 41 Cooper Square, the new academic building for Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, designed by Thom Mayne of Los Angeles-based Morphosis Architecture. Tickets are \$50 each and proceeds will go directly to support and sustain OHNY programming. The screening will be followed by a private reception. This event is co-sponsored by The Irwin S. Chanin School of Architecture of The Cooper Union.

An opening party for OHNY Weekend will be held at **The Visionaire**, a new participating site and the greenest residential development in the United States, on Friday, October 9th, from 7 – 9 pm. The Visionaire, designed by Pelli Clark Pelli and developed by the Albanese Organization, received a LEED Platinum certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. Tickets are \$30 each when purchased in advance or \$40 at the door. Funds will go directly to support the OHNY Weekend.

In addition, OHNY will raffle a behind-the-scenes-tour of the Woolworth Building, led by resident historian Roy Suskin and the author of *The Skyscraper and the City: The Woolworth Building and the Making of Modern New York*, Gail Fenske. Highlights of the tour include Frank Woolworth's original office, an indoor swimming pool, and an observation deck, and will conclude with viewing the sunset from the terrace of the building. Tickets for this event go on sale during OHNY Weekend. Ten winners be announced October 13th and the tour will take place on Saturday, November 14th, at 5 pm. Raffle tickets cost \$20 each and proceeds will go directly to support and sustain OHNY programming.

OHNY will be offering the **OHNY Weekend Passport**, which for a donation of \$150 allows two people front-of-the-line access to sites and programs that do not require an advance reservations. This year, the Passport also includes two tickets to select OHNY participating sites—such as the Woolworth Building, Radio City Music Hall, and

The Standard, among others—or two tickets to the opening OHNY Weekend party on Friday evening, October 9th at The Visionaire.

For more information about OHNY Weekend, including the OHNY Weekend Passport, please visit www.ohny.org.

About openhousenewyork

openhousenewyork (OHNY) is a non-profit organization founded to promote a greater understanding of New York City's built environment; broaden public awareness by exposing a diverse audience to distinctive examples of architecture, engineering and design; educate and provoke discussion of issues of excellence in design, planning and preservation; and showcase outstanding new work as well as spaces of historic merit. In addition to its signature annual weekend event, OHNY host adult and youth educational programs throughout the year.

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