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DesCours is a free, public, ten-night, architecture and art event now in its fifth year, held the first week of December in New Orleans. This event invites internationally renowned architects and artists to create ten architecture installations within 'hidden' locations in the heart of New Orleans, including private courtyards, rooftops, abandoned buildings and walkways, all locations normally unseen, inaccessible or unused by the public.

DesCours is unique in that it provides a platform for experimentation within the architectural field, showcasing architecture installations that use new materials, methods, technology and interactivity. DesCours presents an opportunity for viewing contemporary design within a historic setting by way of juxtaposition, thereby exposing the elegance achieved in the careful articulation of contrasting old and new. On a local scale, DesCours highlights the culturally rich fabric of New Orleans as a great backdrop for forward-thinking structural innovations that nod towards the future of architectural possibilities.

DesCours provides much more than a series of innovative architecture installations, in that it also invites musicians to perform nightly within the sites. This pairing of local musical talent, historic settings, and inventive architecture installations creates a truly one-of-a-kind experience that invites audiences to see, hear, and experience these previously obscure spaces in a new light.

Throughout DesCours many special events are held, including a VIP preview party, a press event, a film screening, a Performance Extravaganza (new this year!), and celebration

events for the opening and closing. DesCours also features podcast (recorded) and docent-led (live) tours which aim to expand the experience for the visitors even further, and also reach greater audiences.

AIA New Orleans is presenting the event in partnership with the Downtown Development District (DDD), the City of New Orleans, the Louisiana Architecture Foundation, and numerous private businesses, organizations, and individuals. AIA New Orleans is proud to present this event free of charge and open to the public.

— **Melissa Urcan**
 DesCours Director and Curator
 AIA New Orleans Executive Director

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For the most current DesCours information, please visit www.descours.us or www.aianeworleans.org.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS + PERFORMANCES

All installations are free and open to the public from Saturday, December 3, through Sunday, December 11, 2011, nightly from 6pm to 10pm.

For the most current DesCours event schedule, please visit www.descours.us.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

01 6pm-9pm | **VIP/Press Opening** featuring DJ Boi Toi
 Private event – admission prices:
 general public \$75/person, AIA Members \$50/person, AIA Associate Members + students \$30/person;
 tickets may be purchased at www.aianeworleans.org, by calling (504) 525 8320, or at the door
1000 St. Charles Avenue (AIA New Orleans Center for Design)
 Casey Hughes + Hiroshi Jacobs
Vector Knot

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 (PUBLIC OPENING NIGHT)

01 6pm-10pm | **Public Opening** featuring DJ Honey B
1000 St. Charles Avenue (AIA New Orleans Center for Design)
 Casey Hughes + Hiroshi Jacobs
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6pm-10pm | **DesCours Art Walk** including 20 open galleries in the New Orleans Arts District, with bars (donations accepted towards the DesCours cause) at the Contemporary Arts Center, Arthur Roger Gallery, Jean Bragg Gallery, and the AIA New Orleans Center for Design

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

6pm-8pm | **Film screening of *Brilliant Simplicity***, a presentation film by *Metropolis* magazine;
 Bar open 6:00-6:30; introduction by *Metropolis* Associate Editor, Martin Pedersen, at 6:30; Q + A session after film
900 Camp Street (Contemporary Arts Center)
 Supporting partners: Contemporary Art Center (CAC) + New Orleans Film Society

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

6pm- | **Happy Hour at Ste. Marie** featuring drink and food specials
 Stop by while making your way through DesCours!
930 Poydras Street (Ste. Marie Restaurant and Bar)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

10 6pm-8pm | **Cocktails in the Courtyard** featuring DJ Brice Nice and cocktails
1445 Pauger Street
 Igor Siddiqui + Matt Hutchinson (PATH/ISSStudio)
Bayou-luminescence

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

01 6pm-8pm | **AIA New Orleans Annual Holiday Party**
 Private event for AIA New Orleans members, sponsors, and participants
1000 St. Charles Avenue (AIA New Orleans Center for Design)
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Special thanks to the following sponsors for their generous support of the AIA New Orleans Annual Holiday Party:

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

01 7:30pm-9:30pm | **Guided tour of DesCours installation sites**
 Paid tour, open to the public; tickets may be purchased at www.aianeworleans.org or by calling (504) 525 5430;
 tours depart from **1000 St. Charles Avenue** (AIA New Orleans Center for Design)

08 8pm-10pm | **Party on the Roof** featuring Joey Buttans (DJ Set) and cocktails
212 Loyola Avenue (Saratoga Building)
 Drew Shawver + Jonathan Marcantel + Allison Bohl
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

03 04 6pm-10pm | **St. Joe Lofts Performance Extravaganza**
 Live performances by musicians, actors, singers, dancers, and more!
923 Constance Street (St. Joe Lofts)
 Scott Berger + Rebecca Miller + Kevin Muni (MaMBo)
Rendezvous
 Jennifer Harmon (cyanitecture) + Spencer Kroll + Benjamin Thomas
Starfield (in #2 courtyard space)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 (CLOSING NIGHT)

09 6pm-8pm | **Sonic ambience** provided by DJ Quintron
129 University Place (Orpheum Theater)
 Noa Younse + Steven Tsai + Carson Smuts (SPACESHIP)
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