

Architecture By Children 2006...

MUSEUM

Dear Educator:

AIA Cincinnati and the Architectural Foundation of Cincinnati, are proud to announce the launch of the 2005 Architecture By Children (ABC) Program. The primary goal of ABC is to introduce children in grades K through 12 to architecture and related fields through the presentation and execution of an architectural design project. We hope to inspire creativity and offer a greater understanding of the role architecture plays in our lives.

Introducing: the MUSEUM Project:

A museum by its nature is typically a building defined by the objects that are collected and displayed within its interior space. The museum's purpose is to collect, preserve and exhibit objects pertaining to a similar interest for the study, education and enjoyment by the public. But the museum is most often a work of art in itself, despite the importance of the contents it houses. The building serves not only as the necessary backdrop to the objects within, but also as an architectural icon within the local community. The design of a museum is specialized due to its requirements to serve the public, its need to protect the contents within, and its desire to reflect the regional characteristics of the museum's location. Each museum has the opportunity to be a one-of-a-kind design, of various shapes and sizes, all determined by the needs of the items displayed within and the community.

Think of the many museums located regionally and throughout the world that you have visited; Art museums, history museums, sports museums, transportation museums. All these buildings have a unique visual image that immediately comes to mind when you hear their name, and no two of these museums will be the same. Many renowned architects have been commissioned for many years to create these works of art, and the design of a museum can be a rewarding process that will allow the designer the opportunity to create a functional, usable sculpture for display.

A curriculum supplement will be distributed to registered teachers containing project parameters, 2005 program calendar, Exhibition and awards information, reference resources including web sites, books and videos, and a short Lesson Plan designed specifically for the theme, BRIDGE. Upon completion of the architect's presentation, each teacher will also receive a CD ROM containing the slide presentation for future reference.

In brief, the program consists of the following:

- Introduction of the project by an area architect.
- Design of the project, and preparation of a model and/or drawings by the students (individually or in teams of 2 or 3 – teams of more than 3 are strongly discouraged).
- Optional architect follow-up visit(s) by your assigned architect
- Top projects from each classroom are delivered to the exhibition space for exhibition and judging
- awards ceremony and public reception

We are looking forward to an exciting program this year. Again, participating students will receive T-shirts and certificates of achievement. To register your class, please complete and return the enclosed registration form. The form is also available online at www.architecturebychildren.com along with contact information if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

ABC Committee Coordinators
AIA Cincinnati
Architectural Foundation of Cincinnati



ABC 2006 Calendar

Aug. 1 - Oct. 31, 2005
Registration Period

Teacher Packets will be mailed as registration forms are received starting August 31, 2005

Dec. 1, 2005
Architects Assigned
January 2006
Architect Presentations
January—April 2006
Project Work Period
April 22—29, 2006
Exhibition at the Downtown Public Library
April 29, 2006
Awards Ceremony
T-shirts pick-up
Projects go home

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Teacher Registration Form

Please complete the form below and fax/return it by October 31st to:

Zoë Hardy, ABC Committee
 Architects Plus, Inc.
 10816 Millington Ct.
 Cincinnati, OH 45242
FAX: (513) 984-1089



Be Kind – type or print legibly. **Please submit one form for each participating classroom.**

School Name:						
Teacher Name:						
Please Note: Our primary method of providing and requesting information is through e-mail. Please provide us with an e-mail address that is checked regularly, and that will be operational for the duration of the program. Notify ABC of changes to your main e-mail address so that we may keep you up to date. If e-mail is not the best method to get information to you, please indicate your preferred method (fax, mail, etc.).						
Teacher E-mail Address:						
School Phone Number; + extension if applicable						
School Fax Number:						
Alternate Contact Phone #:						
Best time(s) and/or method to contact:						
Number of Students participating:				New: PLEASE SUBMIT ONE FORM FOR EACH PARTICIPATING CLASSROOM		
Grade Level(s) of participating students:						
T-Shirt Sizes (adult sizing) # of each size needed – be sure to include yourself! This number will be verified in February.		S	M	L	XL	XXL
Does your school or classroom have Power Point presentation equipment (pc projector)? (Not a requirement for participation)				Yes	No	
Would you like your architect to make a return visit?		Y	N	Type of Return Visit(s): <input type="checkbox"/> One-time return visit only <input type="checkbox"/> Periodic visits throughout the work period <input type="checkbox"/> End-visit for selecting projects for exhibition		

Any special requests or information:
