



**THE CENTER**  
for Architecture and Design



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## **The Center for Architecture and Design Announces New Location**

The Center for Architecture and Design announced plans today to relocate from 380 E. Broad Street to a more centralized Downtown location in the Lazarus Building, in the heart of Downtown.

“As the gateway for education, conversation and debate about the importance of quality design and its impact on our city’s architecture, planning, urban infrastructure and quality of life, we now realize that The Center’s location needs to be more centralized and have high pedestrian foot traffic,” said David Brehm, Vice Chair of The Center Board of Trustees, of Braun&Steidl Architects.

“Our new space in the Lazarus Building will provide the opportunity to better interact and connect with Downtown workers and residents, and people visiting for special events,” Brehm said.

Other benefits from the new location include proximity to the Scioto Mile, Columbus Commons and OSU Urban Art Space, located across the Galleria in the Lazarus Building, along with parking availability and access to public transportation.

“The Lazarus Building is a symbol of our Downtown’s renaissance,” said Guy Worley, President/CEO of the Columbus Downtown Development Corporation, which owns the building. “We’re thrilled to have The Center for Architecture and Design move to Lazarus. It fits with our goal to draw people to the center of our city and activate the street front with energy and vitality.”

The new 2,400-square-foot space will be leased by the Columbus Architecture Foundation, which oversees The Center. AIA Columbus (the American Institute of Architects, Columbus Chapter), which helped to launch The Center three years ago, will also occupy the space and will collaborate on programming.

Construction will begin this fall with an end of year move-in date anticipated.

“When we opened The Center in 2010, our goal was to extend the traditional reach of architects and design professionals more deeply into the creative culture of our region,” said James Bresler, principal at Braun&Steidl Architects and AIA Columbus president. “Since then The Center has become a resource for central Ohioans who want to be in-the-know about design and the built environment. We look forward to supporting the Center’s mission of building stronger connections through exciting programs in our new space.”

Later this week, The Center is launching Design Week, a first-of-its-kind series of events to celebrate architecture and design. The kickoff event is a free reception for the Ideabook exhibit at the OSU Urban Arts Space, Lazarus Building, Town and High streets, Sept. 29, 2012, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Earlier this year, 500 Ideabooks were printed and distributed to central Ohio community and business leaders, designers, architects, artists, educators and others. Recipients were charged with revealing their views about Columbus today and in the future. There were no limits regarding how they wanted to express their interpretations.

The 4-inch by 6-inch books revealing central Ohioans' vision's about Columbus' future will be on display at the reception. After a tour throughout the city and an exhibition at The Center, the Ideabooks will be donated to the Columbus Historical Society.

Remaining Design Week 2012 events, include lectures, film screenings, an architectural bike tour and an annual benefit for The Center at COSI.

For more information about Design Week and The Center for Architecture and Design, visit [www.columbuscfad.org](http://www.columbuscfad.org); for tickets for the individual Design Week events visit <http://columbusdesignweek2012.eventbrite.com/>.

### **The Center for Architecture and Design**

The Center for Architecture and Design is a non-profit organization that aims to enhance public appreciation of architecture and design through lecture, exhibitions, tours, film series and collaborative programs with other organizations. The Center celebrates the richness of the built environment and design, explores creative possibilities for the future of our community, and highlights the contributions of architecture and design in central Ohio. For more information, visit [www.columbuscfad.org](http://www.columbuscfad.org).

### **AIA Columbus**

The AIA was founded in 1857; the Columbus chapter was founded in 1929. Through education, government advocacy, community redevelopment and public outreach activities, the AIA and its 80,000 members work to achieve a more humane built

environment and a higher standard of professionalism for architects. AIA Columbus has 650 members, serving a 32-county area from Mansfield to Marietta. For more information, visit [www.aiacolumbus.org](http://www.aiacolumbus.org).

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