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"CRITICAL REGIONALISM"/New York: Drawings by Selected Architects

BA-BA ARCH, Dan Coma, Neil Denari, Elizabeth Diller/Ricardo Scofidio, Laurie Hawkinson, Michael Kalil, Katherine Krizek, Taeg Yoshinobu Nishimoto, Kyong Park, Peter Pfau/Wes Jones, Allan Wexler, Lebbeus Woods

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"CRITICAL RECIONALISM" highlights drawings and some models by twelve architects or architectural teams from New York City. Selected by Glenn Weiss and Kyong Park of Storefront: Art and Architecture, the works all project a strong visual presence. These architects consider themselves artists as well as designers. And, the group shares a strong social commitment, working to create new visionary forms instrumental in shaping a more harmonious society.

The architects in the Gallery 400 exhibition do not fit comfortably into the reigning "post-modern" categories. Rather than mine past epochs for architectural forms, they draw inspiration from the contemporary art world, incorporating concepts from Minimalism, Conceptual art and other 1970s movements. Through self-initiated design projects, they seek to create a new wholeness rather than dwell on the fragmentation and loss of meaning characteristic of modern life.

Glenn Weiss and Kyong Park are Co-Directors of N.Y.C.'s Storefront: Art and Architecture. This not-for-profit space, founded in 1983, sponsors exhibitions and other activities which cross the boundaries between architecture and art. Storefront is a forum for ideas about socially conscious design and visionary forms.

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