

Designing a world's fair

1992 Chicago World's Fair Design Conference
Drawings: N.Y., L.A., Chicago. Sponsored
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In 1992 Chicago will host "The Age of Discovery," a major international exposition. In anticipation of this historic event, the Chicago Central Area Committee, a civic organization drawing from Central Area businesses and institutions, organized a series of symposia; in N.Y. (June 28 - 29), L.A. (Sept. 13 - 14), and Chicago (Oct. 31 - Nov. 1). Leading architects were invited to consider "The Age of Discovery" as a design problem. The results of these Design Conferences will be considered by the CCAC, synthesized and submitted in the form of a report and photographs to the Chicago World's Fair — 1992 Corporation. An April 22 meeting of Chicago cultural and civic leaders set the philosophical direction for the architectural design conferences. Bruce Graham of S.O.M., head of the CCAC, and Stanley Tigerman on the UIC faculty organized the symposia.

The drawings on view respond to this directive: "Today's design problem is to locate, conceptualize, configure and lay out a plan for the 1992 Chicago World's Fair." Working in teams of three for two days, architects produced varied answers to this very open challenge. Emphasis on human interaction rather than grand architectural gestures, a concern for reintegration of the buildings into the urban fabric and an interest in links with the two past Chicago World's Fairs (1893 and 1933-34) unify all the efforts.

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Preview opening: Wednesday,
5:30 - 7:30 p.m., November 2

Opening reception: 5 - 7,
Wednesday, November 9

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