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### 41° to 66° Exhibition Represents Canada at the Venice Biennale in Architecture

**Venice, Italy** -The exhibition *41° to 66°: Architecture in Canada - Region, Culture, Tectonics*, will represent Canada at the 2008 Venice Biennale in Architecture. The 2008 Biennale, entitled *Out There: Architecture Beyond Building*, is the world's most prestigious architectural exhibition. The Biennale takes place in Venice, Italy from September 14 to November 23.

*41° to 66°* presents a selection of contemporary buildings organized within six distinct cultural and geographic regions of Canada: the Arctic, West Coast, Mountain, Prairie, Continental and Atlantic. Hotson Bakker Boniface Haden Architects will contribute two of their award winning projects to the exhibition: the Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre and Richmond City Hall (in association with Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg Architects). *41° to 66°* will feature leading contemporary Canadian architects whose work draws on iconic Canadian building types like the igloo, tepee and sod house as a means to address regional and cultural identity, landscape, climate and sustainability issues.

Co-curated by architectural professors John McMinn and Marco Polo and organized by Cambridge Galleries, this exhibit will help visitors appreciate Canadian responses to architectural identity and sustainability through literature, visual, video, audio, and web-based material that will be accessible using hand-held devices. There will also be floor-to-ceiling images projected within the pavilion, which is organized into five bays and a courtyard space. It is a celebration of Canada in its many varied dimensions through its diverse regions, material traditions and cultural influences.

"41° to 66° embodies a new wave of thinking and living in our society—moving forward with sustainable solutions," said Canada Council Director Robert Sirman. "The Biennale is the perfect venue to showcase this panoramic view of contemporary Canadian architecture to the international community."

*41° to 66°* was officially launched at the Design at Riverside Gallery in Cambridge, Ontario in November 2005. The exhibition has an extensive tour schedule: the Works Festival (Edmonton) and IDEX (Toronto) in 2006, Mackenzie Art Gallery (Regina) and Dalhousie University in 2007, Museum London and Surrey Art Gallery in October 2008 and the Yukon Arts Centre in 2009.

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#### About Hotson Bakker Boniface Haden architects + urbanistes

Hotson Bakker Boniface Haden is a firm with expertise in mixed-use and waterfront development, urban planning, historic restoration, residential, municipal, cultural and academic building types. The firm is responsible for a wide range of work in Canada, the USA, Australia and China. The firm's pursuit of design excellence has been acknowledged nationally and internationally through numerous publications and more than 50 design awards, including a 2008 Governor General's Medal in Architecture for the Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre.

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