

RZLBD

PORTRAIT

Collaborators (Since 2015)

Architecture

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Atelier RZLBD is a boutique architectural practice based in Toronto founded by the architect Reza Aliabadi; whose work extends to designing buildings & objects, curating installations & expositions, and publishing a zine called rzlbdPOST. The practice is not just an ordinary operation that serves, rather like a positive virus, it contributes, communicates, challenges, and adapts itself to the project and its context.

In recognition of the high quality of the studio's work at a variety of scales, RZLBD has been distinguished with numerous accolades, including the International American Architecture Prize (2017), the City of Markham Design Excellence Award (2014), and two awards from the Ontario Association of Architects (2009, 2011). RZLBD works have also been exhibited in many venues locally and globally, including the Sir Joan Soane's Museum in London, England (2018), the World Architectural festival in Berlin, Germany (2017), and Toronto Harbourfront Centre (2012). The Practice's craft has been celebrated in more than 70 print publications. This coverage includes stories in Architectural Review, MARK, Wallpaper*, the Globe & Mail, Canadian Architect and Canadian Interiors, features in anthologies from international publishing houses Phaidon, Braun, Rizzoli, Harper Collins, and Archiworld, and online articles by ArchDaily, Dezeen, Domus and DesignBoom.

Furthermore, in July, 2017, RZLBD had the significant honour of being selected by Canadian Architect as one of the country's top emerging talents.

Reza Aliabadi

M.ARCH, M.PHIL. ARCH
OAA, MRAIC, ICEO

In 1999, Reza graduated as a valedictorian from Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Tehran, with a Master's degree in Architecture. After completing a post-professional Master's of Architecture at McGill University in 2006 and obtaining the license to practice in 2010, he started the Atelier Reza Aliabadi "RZLBD" in Toronto. Since then, he has established a strong reputation in both national and international architectural communities. Local and global media have published many of RZLBD's projects. He has been invited to exhibit in galleries and museums, sit at the peer assessment committee of Canada Council for the Art, speak at CBC Radio, give lectures at art and architecture schools and colleges, and be a guest reviewer at design studios. He mentors a handful of talented interns in the Greater Toronto Area; while he maintains an ongoing interest in architectural research in areas such as microarchitecture, housing ideas for the future and other dimensions of urbanism such as compactness and intensification. Beside his architectural practice, Reza also publishes a periodical zine called rzlbdPOST. UK publisher Artifice recently released a monograph, RZLBD Hopscotch, which recognizes the past seven years of Reza's practice by collecting essays, project profiles, and annotated drawings.

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RECOGNITIONS

2018, Finalist, Italian Fashion Hub, Bologna, Italy, Centipede
2017, Winner, International American Architecture Prize (AAP), Opposite House
2017, Commended, The Architectural Drawing Prize (WAF), 100
2017, Green Award, Pape Bird Observation Tower, Latvia, Gnomon
2017, Honourable Mention, Amber Road trekking Cabin, Latvia, un(a)like
2017, Canada's Top Emerging Talents, Canadian Architect magazine
2014, Award of Merit, Markham Design Excellence Awards, Gallery House
2011, Award of Excellence, OAA Awards, Transimage
2009, Honourable Mention, OAA Awards, Cart Shelter
2003, 1st place, (TCO) of I.R. Architectural Competition, Nosa R&D building
2003, 1st place, (TCO) of I.R. Architectural Competition, Sina Kavosh R&D building
2002, Honourable Mention, The Grand Memar Award, Villa No.24 & Villa No.81
2002, 5th place, (TCO) of I.R. Architectural Competition, Sandjesh D.T. Co. R&D building
2001, Honourable Mention, The Grand Memar Award, Villa No.81
1999, Valedictorian, M. Arch. program

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EXHIBITIONS

2018, RZLBD Hopscotch, Urbanspace Gallery, Toronto
2018, 100, Sir John Soane's Museum, London
2017, 100, World Architecture Festival (WAF), Berlin
2017, RZLBD Hopscotch, Doors Open Toronto, Toronto
2017, RZLBD Hopscotch, McGill University, School of Architecture, Montreal
2016, Reused Revisited and Revised, Doors Open Toronto, Toronto
2016, Taxonomies, Only One Gallery, Toronto
2014, Presence of Voids, rzlbd atelier, Toronto
2013, H8: Selected Houses (2009-2012), rzlbd atelier, Toronto
2013, Canadian Arctic: A Visual Diary, rzlbd atelier, Toronto
2012, Bowtie, Big Enough? Architecture Exhibitions, Harbourfront Centre, Toronto
2009, 63 Degree House, McGill University, School of Architecture, Montreal
2009, My City II, Urban Cardiogram, Urbanscape Gallery, Toronto
2009, Cart Shelter, OAA Awards, Urbanscape Gallery, Toronto
2008, Transimage, Urbanscape Gallery, Toronto
2008, My City: urban artworks, Urbanscape Gallery, Toronto
2004, Complete Works (1995-2004), Iranian Artist't Forum, Tehran
2003, Innovative Architecture, Projects of 6 honoured architects, Tehran Int. TradeFair
2002, The Grand Memar Award, Barg Gallery, Tehran
1998, Photo Exhibition, Karshive Gallery, Tehran