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Celebrated architect and esteemed international researcher to visit Copenhagen

The world-renowned architect Steven Holl and internationally acclaimed researcher Marilyne Andersen will be visiting Copenhagen in November. Both laureates are known for their trail-blazing work within the field of daylight, and on 8 November, they will be delivering a joint lecture at the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts Schools of Architecture, Design and Conservation. The two speakers will focus on daylight with reference to health, lighting and indoor climate in the design and use of buildings, homes and workplaces.

Daylight plays a significant role in human health, well-being and productivity, and on 8 November a Danish audience will gain insights into how two innovators address light in architecture and research. Over the afternoon, the two distinguished speakers will be delivering a joint lecture at the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts Schools of Architecture, Design and Conservation in Copenhagen. The event is a tie-in with The Daylight Award conferred on architect Steven Holl and researcher Marilyne Andersen in 2016.

Keen interest calls for more tickets

Extra tickets have now been released in response to the keen interest in the two acclaimed figures among academics, architects, engineers and many others.

American architect Steven Holl is renowned for his long-standing dedication to daylighting design and the integration of materials, structure and natural light in his buildings. On receiving The Daylight Award, Steven Holl conveyed his personal fascination with natural light:

“When people ask me what material I enjoy working with the most, I say light! Working with light has always fascinated me. That’s why I am honoured to have been selected as the laureate of The Daylight Award.”

Steven Holl Architects has offices in New York and Beijing. Steven Holl was presented with the Daylight Award for Daylight in Architecture in 2016, and in its award statement, the jury emphasised merits such as his poetic design, respect for materials and his focus on blending buildings with their environs.

The acclaimed Swiss researcher and co-recipient of the prestigious Award, Marilyne Andersen, will be joining Steven Holl to speak in Copenhagen.

“Daylight plays a fundamental role in our places of living. Recognizing the importance of research in this area through the Daylight Award is a very strong sign. Science goes hand in hand with architectural design, and enables a foundation where knowledge and creativity are combined for better understanding, anticipation and application of daylight in architecture and in urban development,” said Marilyne Andersen.

As Professor of Sustainable Construction Technologies and Dean of the School of Architecture, Civil and Environmental Engineering (ENAC) at EPFL (École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne), Marilyne Andersen is recognised for her research in natural light and for her focus on the interaction between the science of daylight and daylight in architecture. An approach which was duly commended by the jury in its statement on its Award decision.

The Daylight Award, which is given every second year, directs focus at the interface between architecture and science – with specific emphasis on the interrelation between practice and theory. The Daylight Award is presented by three non-profit private charitable foundations VILLUM FONDEN, VELUX FONDEN and VELUX STIFTUNG. All were created by Villum Kann Rasmussen, the inventor of the VELUX roof window. The three foundations have conferred daylight awards since 1980 on the likes of Jørn Utzon, Henning Larsen, Bob Gysin, Richard Perez, Peter Zumthor, James Carpenter, Lacaton&Vassal, Gigon&Guyer and SANAA – celebrated at national ceremonies in Denmark and Switzerland.

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About The Daylight Award

The Daylight Award consists of two awards:

The Daylight Award for Daylight in Architecture is awarded to one or more architects who have distinguished themselves by realising architecture or creating urban environments that showcase unique use of daylight. Special emphasis is placed on architecture that considers the overall quality of life, its impact on human health, well-being and performance, and its value to society.

The Daylight Award for Daylight Research is awarded to individuals or smaller groups of scientists who have distinguished themselves as outstanding contributors to internationally recognised daylight research. It places special emphasis on interdisciplinarity and research in human well-being and opportunities for linking theory to practice.

Learn more about The Daylight Award: www.thedaylightaward.com

Nominate your candidate for The Daylight Award 2018

The Daylight Award is awarded every second year, and the Call for Nominations for 2018 of candidates who have distinguished themselves as outstanding contributors to the field of daylight is now open. Once again, The Daylight Award will be made in two categories: "Daylight Award for Daylight Research" and "Daylight Award for Daylight in Architecture" in recognition of the value of interdisciplinarity in the field of daylight. Everyone is invited to nominate their favourite candidate on The Daylight Award website.

Lectures in Copenhagen and Zürich

Zürich: 16:30-19:30, 7 November 2017 at ETH Zürich

Copenhagen: 15:00-18:00, 8 November 2017 at the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts Schools of Architecture, Design and Conservation (KADK)

Admission to both events is free. Registration at www.thedaylightaward.com/outreach