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Canstruction 2013

Charity event and exhibition, now in its 18th year, engages the building industry

October 14 - November 1, 2013

(Boston, September 6)—Canstruction, a charity event and exhibition held annually in Boston where teams of architects, engineers, and designers compete to display colossal sculptures made out of canned goods, will be hosted again at BSA Space. This year's theme is "Cinema and Movies." The canned-good sculptures, embodying images and characters from the silver screen, will be completed on Saturday, October 12. The jurying and the official exhibition opening will take place on Monday, October 14, and will be on display at BSA Space and in the Atlantic Wharf lobby through November 1. Members of the public will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite works through online voting from Monday, October 14 through Wednesday, October 16. After the sculptures are dismantled, all the canned goods, supplied by the teams and coordinated through Stop & Shop, will be donated to the Merrimack Valley Food Bank in Lowell, Massachusetts.

Participating firms include *ADD, Inc; Architectural Resources Group; Bard, Rao + Athanas Consulting Engineers; Cambridge Seven Associates; CBT Architects; Consigli Construction; CUBE 3 Studio; EYP Architecture & Engineering; Gensler; Integrated Design Group; Levi + Wong Design Associates; Margolis + Fishman joint venture with LeMessurier Consultants; Margulies Perruzzi Architects; Northeastern University Chi Epsilon joint venture with Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates; Newforma; Nitsch Engineering; Payette; PCA (Prellwitz/Chilinski Associates); Sasaki Associates; Steffian Bradley Architects; Simpson Gumpertz & Heger; Shepley Bulfinch; SMMA/Symmes, Maini & McKee Associates; Tappé Associates; TRO Jung|Brannen; and Tsoi/Kobus & Associates.*

Said BSA president Mike Davis: "BSA Space is proud to host Canstruction 2013. Part of the gallery's mission is to feature creative explorations of design's potential to inspire, create community, and transform the world." In 2011, Canstruction donated 54,651 pounds of food from the participating 20 firms to Merrimack Valley Food Bank, which is the equivalent of approximately 71,046 meal servings, or enough food to feed every child in Lowell twice. This year, 26 firms will participate, and we hope to exceed our can count from previous years and create a new record for Canstruction Boston.

BSA Space

Boston's leading cultural institution on architecture and design, BSA Space is home to the Boston Society of Architects. The BSA Space gallery is open from 10:00 am–6:00 pm on weekdays and from 10:00 am–5:00 pm on weekends and holidays. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, visit bsaspace.org.

Canstruction

CANSTRUCTION, sponsored annually by the Society for Design Administration and hosted by BSA Space, is a trademarked design/build international competition. Teams of architects, engineers, and students compete to design and build giant structures made entirely from cans of food. Since its inception, 10 million pounds of food have been donated to aid in the fight against hunger. Thousands of hungry people are fed wherever a Canstruction competition is held. This is a competition where everyone wins, especially those who are hungry and most in need. For additional information on events and activities that are being held in conjunction with CANSTRUCTION®, visit www.canstruction-boston.org.

The Merrimack Valley Food Bank

The Merrimack Valley Food Bank is a community-supported 501c-3 nonprofit organization that provides nutritious food and personal care items to emergency feeding programs serving the low-income, homeless, and hungry population. They is one of only four food banks in Massachusetts that serves food pantries, shelters, soup kitchens, day and residential programs that in turn, serve individuals and families. More information www.mvfb.org.

Stop & Shop

The Stop & Shop Supermarket Company prides itself on being a good neighbor and supporting all the communities in which we operate. Our charitable initiatives focus on fighting hunger and promoting healthy kids, with a special emphasis on nutrition-education programs and physical activity. We are honored to be a key partner for coordinating the large amounts of nutritious canned-food products that will be used by the Canstruction teams. Around New England we support hundreds of hunger-relief initiatives, including special food bank programs in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New Hampshire. More information www.stopandshop.com.

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