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Movement And Meaning: The Landscapes Of Hoerr Schaudt



Synopsis

Horticulture and landscape design flourish in tandem at Hoerr Schaudt Landscape Architects, one of the most dynamic firms in Chicago today. In *Movement and Meaning*, this landscape architecture firm reveals how they embed plant material into their projects, embracing biological changes wrought by time. Readers will come away with an understanding of both the art and the science that goes into creating a rich experience through innovative landscape architecture techniques. Over the past twenty years, the principals of Hoerr Schaudt Landscape Architects have been acknowledged innovators in landscape architecture, and the firm has won numerous awards for its urban public spaces, academic campuses, green roofs, commercial developments, cultural institutions, and recreational destinations. The firm's long focus on innovative horticulture and particular attention to seasonality put it at the forefront of this now-popular industry-wide focus. *Movement and Meaning* explores forty-five public, private, and cultural projects, revealing Hoerr Schaudt's talent for creating meaningful, ever-evolving designs. In-depth features include projects for which the firm has gained recognition, including McGovern Centennial Gardens in Houston; Daley Plaza in Chicago; the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden; Soldier Field and North Burnham Park in Chicago; the Buckhead shopping district in Atlanta; the University of Chicago's main quadrangle and Botany Pond; and innovative rooftop gardens for the Gary Comer Youth Center and the Morningstar Corporation in Chicago. The firm has also completed dozens of private estate gardens throughout the Midwest, including in Chicago proper; Lake Forest, Peoria, and Winnetka, Illinois; Grand Rapids and Harbor Springs, Michigan; and Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. They have also designed gardens in other climates, including Palm Springs, California; Rhode Island; and Antigua. Hoerr Schaudt's seasonal, plant-driven designs are sure to inspire landscape architects and home gardeners alike.

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Customer Reviews

"A stunning new retrospective documenting the global imprint of the duo's renowned green thumb..."
—Michigan Avenue magazine

Douglas Hoerr was raised on a farm in Indiana—the perfect setting for developing a fascination with the natural world. From bee-keeping to reading the topography to finding arrowheads, Hoerr immersed himself in the land. After a degree in landscape architecture from Purdue and a decade working with a design/build firm, he took an unorthodox sabbatical in England where he apprenticed with eminent plantsmen and designers including Beth Chatto and John Brookes. He founded his own studio upon moving to Chicago in 1991. He has been the recipient of numerous professional awards including, most recently, the 2016 American Society of Landscape Architects' Landmark Award for the Michigan Avenue Streetscapes. Peter Lindsay Schaudt (1959–2015) was born in Illinois and trained first as an architect, receiving a degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and then obtained a Master's degree in Landscape Architecture from Harvard in 1984. He went on to work with Dan Kiley and was awarded a Rome Prize in 1990–1991. Upon his return to the United States he founded his own firm and merged with Hoerr in 2008. Douglas Brenner writes frequently about design and gardens for publications such as the New York Times, House Beautiful, Architectural Digest, and Veranda. He has worked in various editorial capacities for numerous magazines including Martha Stewart Living, Garden Design, Travel & Leisure, House and Garden, and Architectural Record.

This book should be a staple in everyone's home. The extensive line-up of plant-driven projects covering the gamut of public, private, and cultural designs tell a story of art in nature. The lush photography with details on the design layout only further enhances the book's authenticity. Whether you are a landscape architect, a residential designer, or purely someone who loves and appreciates the art of gardening, you need this book. I bought one for my office and one for home!

Even an experienced landscape architect would be inspired by one of their projects while the novice would simply enjoy flipping through the large, rich pictures of one beautiful landscape after another - like I did!

As a Landscape Professional, I loved this book. Full of ideas I can use to make my landscape designs better. Outstanding!

Wow, what a book this is! My wife and I have traded this back and forth since it arrived - a pure pleasure. When you step back to think of the beauty these folks have created and bestowed on residential, municipal and commercial settings alike, it is quite thought-provoking and elicits both wonder and appreciation. If you wonder what the role is for landscape architects/architecture, then buy this beautiful book. It will make you think anew and differently about the subject of landscapes and the talents required to dream them into reality and to maximize them. Makes me want to hire them immediately!

The scope of work covered in this book is outstanding. From exquisite private homes, to public city parkways, to country farm houses, city roof gardens, island retreats, universities, and so much more, the work done by this firm and showcased in the book is simply beyond compare. Not only does it have the MOST beautiful full page photography, but also includes design backgrounds, layouts, plant information and other architectural details that I found fascinating and helpful. I've already bought three as gifts! Simply gorgeous, and huge - over 250 pages!!!

Early in design school I fondly remember a beloved professor calling a fellow student a "design animal". By that comment I understood that professor to mean that the student understood his design and its relation to the world with every fiber of his being. Doug Hoerr is truly a "landscape animal". The work depicted here is beautiful. It's also thoroughly worked out and perfectly fit for its place. I am happy that Doug has shared his work and the work of his firm through this book, even happier to live amidst the landscapes he has created in Chicago and happiest to count him as a trusted colleague. Doug thinks though landscape design on more levels than his peers and the book, "Movement and Meaning", is testament to that thoughtfulness.

This book shows the extensive projects Doug has completed and none fall short of magnificent. From the assortment of flowers along Michigan Ave, to the beautiful gardens among the city roof

tops, to the landscapes of private homes, the work wipes out the competition. The book not only includes the stunning full page portraits but adds the design layout and plant descriptions. It's a must order and deserves a prominent placement on your coffee table!

Doug Hoerr's poetry is evident in all his designs - and now there's a book that conveys his talent clearly. The layout of the book is extraordinary - text, photography, and the juxtaposition of drawings, details, and colors show us the brilliance of his design on all levels. I look forward to the next book, and seeing more of his work.

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