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Beigel - 1941 - 2018. Born in Germany, and lived and worked in London, UK.
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Florian Beigel received a Diplom Ingenieur (Architecture) at University of Stuttgart in 1968, and Master of Science at University College, London in 1969. He was an architect in private practice, Florian Beigel Architects, and Director of the Architecture Research Unit at the London Metropolitan University. He was awarded the Grosse Kunstpreis für Baukunst 2013 by the Akademie der Künste Berlin, and the Annie Spink Award 2014 for Excellence in Architectural Education from the Royal Institute of British Architects.

After finishing his architectural studies, Beigel worked as a research assistant with Jürgen Jödicke, Gunter Behnisch, in conjunction with Frei Otto on the 1972 Munich Olympic structures. In 1969 he came to London and worked with ARUP Associates, and in 1970 began a private practice in London with Konrad Frey called Building Plan Resources initially working on thin shell patent applications and research into energy efficient, low cost and lightweight building systems in built projects such as the Fisher Fine Art Gallery in Central London (1975) and the Fischer Sonnenhaus in Grundlsee, Austria (1978).

Florian Beigel first became known internationally for the design of the Half Moon Theatre in London (1985), and the Bishopsfield Housing Modernisation project in Harlow, (1994). Large scale urban and landscape regeneration designs in Germany such as Stadtlandschaft Lichterfelde Süd in Berlin (1998), and Kunstlandschaft Cospuden (2001) led to further urban design and building commissions in South Korea: the urban and landscape concept design of Paju Book City near Seoul Korea (1999), and a series of 3 buildings for book publishers at Paju designed with Korean collaborators have all been completed since 2000. The large scale urban design land reclamation project, Saemangeum Island City, Korea (2008) was exhibited at the 2010 Venice Biennale and has been published widely. The Florian Beigel and ARU's design of the new studio spaces in the CASS Faculty of Art, Architecture and Design in Aldgate, London for the London Metropolitan University (2013) was partially removed and re-built within the KANAL/ Centre Pompidou in central Brussels as part of the KANAL Brut (2018). FBA continues to be engaged in architectural and urban design projects in Europe and Korea. A large format catalogue of sketches and drawings of FBA and ARU projects (built and un-built) over the past 40 years will be published in 2019 by the Architecture Foundation in London.

Florian Beigel was Professor of Architecture at the Sir John Cass Faculty of Art, Architecture and Design from 1992–2017. He was a design tutor at LMU since the early 1970's. He has lectured extensively at universities and associations of architecture during the past 30 years, and his design projects are widely published internationally.

Philip Christou has worked with Florian Beigel and they have been teaching architectural design together since 1985. He is Co-Director of the Architecture Research Unit. He is Professor Emeritus at the Sir John Cass Faculty of Art, Architecture and Design, London Metropolitan University. Architectural design research, practice and teaching are given equal emphasis in this work. He regularly gives guest lectures and design workshops internationally. He has co-authored with Beigel several books, many essays in international journals, and architectural exhibitions.

Born in 1956 in Lethbridge, Alberta, in Western Canada, he studied Art History at McGill University, Montreal, and Fine Art at the University of Lethbridge, Alberta, and the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, Halifax, Canada. He received a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Fine Art degrees. He worked as an assistant with the artists Krzysztof Wodiczko and Daniel Buren on gallery and public art installations following his fine art studies. He studied architecture at the Architectural Association, London. He has lived and worked in the UK since 1980.

Solo Exhibitions

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| 2018 | <i>Florian Beigel and Philip Christou: a dream of innocence</i> , Betts Project, London, UK |
| 2016 | <i>Translations, Florian Beigel and the Architecture Research Unit</i> , London, Technische Universität Berlin, Berlin, DE |
| 2013 | <i>Translations, Florian Beigel and the Architecture Research Unit</i> , London, Swiss Architecture Museum, Basel, CH |
| 2009 | <i>city scales, Florian Beigel and the Architecture Research Unit</i> , London, Gallery Lonchel, Seoul, KR |

- 2009 **Architecture Research Unit: Saemangeum Island City. A new city of coexistence, civility and a sense of time**, London Metropolitan University, London, UK
- 2003 **the raw and the cooked, Florian Beigel and the Architecture Research Unit**, London Metropolitan University, London, UK
- 2002 **Recycled Landscapes, Beigel and the Architecture Research Unit**, Ministerio de Fomento, Madrid, ES
- 1998 **Stadtlandschaft Lichterfelde Süd, Berlin, Florian Beigel and the Architecture Research Unit**, University of North London, London, UK
- 1997 **Brikettfabrik Witznitz: specific indeterminacy - designing for uncertainty**, University of North London, London, UK
- Brikettfabrik Witznitz: specific indeterminacy - designing for uncertainty**, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK
- Citylandscapes - Florian Beigel and the Architecture Research Unit**, ETSAB, Universitat Politecnica de Catalunya, Barcelona, ES
- 1995 **Citylandscapes -The idea of built landscape at building, urban, and regional scales, an exhibition of the ideas and works of Florian Beigel and the Architecture Research Unit**, The Architecture Foundation, London, UK

Group Exhibitions

- 2019 **Alternative Histories**, Drawing Matter and The Architecture Foundation, London, UK
- Unveiled Affinities; Quaderns in Europe**, Col·legi d'Arquitectes de Catalunya, Barcelona, ES
- 2016 **Experiment of Architopia**, National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Gwacheon, KR
- 2013 **Culture: City**, Akademie der Künste, Berlin, DE
- Culture: City**, Kunsthaus Graz, Graz, AU
- 2011 **Seowonmoon Memory Lantern, Urban Folly**, The 4th Gwangju Design Biennale, Gwangju Design Biennale, KR
- 2010 **Seamangeum Island City, Korea, Florian Beigel and Philip Christou, Architecture Research Unit**, London, Venice Architecture Biennale, Venice, IT
- A Box of Ideas, Hadspen Gardener's House**, Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy of Arts, London, UK
- Urban Design Project, Fifth Block Jamsil, Seoul, Korea**, Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy of Arts, London, UK
- Youl Hwa Dang Book Hall Building, Paju Book City, South Korea**, Brit Insurance Designs of the Year, Design Museum London, London, UK
- 2008 **Critical Topic Paju Book City As Culturescape**, Korean Pavilion, Venice Architecture Biennale, Venice, IT
- Urban Wastelands**, Technical University, Eindhoven, NL
- 2007 **Kunstlandschaft Cospuden - Livre Circulação / Toll Free: European Architects In Transit**, Fábrica da Cerveja, Faro, PT

- 2006 **Speakers at Work, in conjunction with the Alvar Aalto Symposium titled, Less and More**, Alvar Aalto Museum, Jyväskylä, FI
- Paju Book City, Korea**, Kunsthhaus Graz, Graz, AU
- Paju Book City, Korea**, Adambrau, Innsbruck, AU
- 2005 **Paju Book City, Korea**, Aedes West, Berlin, DE
- Paju Book City, Korea**, RAS, Barcelona, ES
- Kunstlandschaft Cospuden, European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture, Mies van der Rohe Award 2003** Nasjonalmuseet for Kunst, Arkitektur og Design, Oslo, NO
- 2004 **Kunstlandschaft Cospuden, European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture, Mies van der Rohe Award 2003** Triennale di Milano, Milan, IT
- 2003 **Kunstlandschaft Cospuden, European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture, Mies van der Rohe Award 2003** Arkitekturmuseet, Skeppsholmen, Stockholm, SW
- Kunstlandschaft Cospuden, European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture, Mies van der Rohe Award 2003** Lapidarium Betlemske Kaple, Prague, CZ
- Kunstlandschaft Cospuden, European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture, Mies van der Rohe Award 2003** Architectur im Ringturm. Wiener Städtische, Vienna, AU
- Kunstlandschaft Cospuden, European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture, Mies van der Rohe Award 2003** The Atrium - The Office of Public Works, Dublin, IRE
- Kunstlandschaft Cospuden, European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture, Mies van der Rohe Award 2003** Deutsches Architektur Museum, Frankfurt, DE
- Kunstlandschaft Cospuden, European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture, Mies van der Rohe Award 2003**, Col·legi d'Arquitectes de Catalunya, Barcelona, ES
- Kunstlandschaft Cospuden, European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture, Mies van der Rohe Award 2003**, RIBA, London, UK
- Kunstlandschaft Cospuden, European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture, Mies van der Rohe Award 2003**, Stichting Stad & Architectuur, Leuven, BE
- 2000 **Outside In**, AR/GE KUNST Galerie Museum, Bolzano, IT
- 1999 **Stadtlandschaft Lichterfelde Süd, Berlin, Florian Beigel and the Architecture Research Unit - Die Neue Sammlung Schenkungen und Akquisitionen 1995-1999**. Deutsches Architektur Museum, Frankfurt, DE
- 1997 **nous paisatges - new landscapes**, Museu d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona, ES
- 1996 **British exhibition at the XIX Milan Triennale**, Triennale di Milano, IT
- Southwark Urban Design Initiative, 1996**, London Borough of Southwark, the Office for London and the Architecture Foundation, London, UK

Built Projects

2018	KANAL/Centre Pompidou, Brussels – KANAL BRUT, Prefigurative Year, Restaurants, Bars and Designers' Shop, (Florian Beigel Architects in collaboration with CIVA, Brussels). Re-use of Selected Interior Plywood Joinery Elements from the London Metropolitan University, Sir John Cass, London, UK
2015	Dick und Dorf , Moveable storage shelves for the CASS, UK
2012-13	Central House, Additional Works Phase, London Metropolitan University, Sir John Cass Faculty of Art Architecture and Design, Aldgate, London, UK
2011-12	Central House, Phase 01, London Metropolitan University, Sir John Cass Faculty of Art Architecture and Design, Aldgate, London, UK
2011	Seowonmoon Memory Lantern , Gwangju Design Biennale, (with Ahn Jong Hwan, An Architect, Seoul), Gwangju, KR
2010	Saemangeum Island City Exhibition , Venice Architecture Biennale, IT
2009	Hadspen Parabola , Somerset, UK (partially built)
2007	YoulHwaDang Book Hall Building , (with Choi Jong Hoon, Network in Architecture, Seoul) Paju Book City, KR
2004-07	Positive Thinking People Publishing House , (with Choi Jong Hoon, Network in Architecture, Seoul), Paju Book City, KR New Industrial Road Infrastructure and Public Realm Design , Dagenham Dock, South Dagenham, London, UK
2001-04	House, Jazz Hall and PoDJaGi Gallery , (with Kim Jong Kyu, MARU, Seoul), Heyri Art Valley, KR
2002-03	An Apartment within a late 19th Century House in Hampstead, London, UK
2001-02	Recycled Landscapes , ARU Exhibition, Ministerio de Fomento, Madrid, ES
2000-04	YoulHwaDang Publishing House , (with Kim Jong Kyu, MARU, Seoul), Phase 01, Paju Book City, KR
1998	Paju Book City Phase 01 - Landscape Script, KR
1998-2000	Welcomm City , Advertising Studios and Offices, (Florian Beigel Architects with Seung H-Sang, Iroje Architects and Planners, Seoul), Seoul, KR
1997-98	Apartment in Clerkenwell, London, UK
1997	City Landscapes , ARU Exhibition at Universitat Politecnica de Catalunya, Barcelona, ES
1996-2000	Regeneration Design of the Brikettfabrik Witznitz , (competition), Borna, DE
1989-94	Modernisation works to Maisonette Block (15 apartments), Bishopsfield, Harlow, Essex, UK
1991-92	Apartment, Kensington, London, UK
1990	Fischer Fine Art Gallery , renewal of galleries, London, UK
1989	Rocket Bar , Polytechnic of North London, Islington, London, UK Apartment/Consultation Rooms, Bramham Gardens, London, UK
1987-88	An Architecture of Understanding , An Exhibition of the Ideas and Works of Walter Segal, Architect, Royal Festival Hall, UK

- 1987 Additions and Alterations to Fischer Fine Art Gallery, London, UK
- 1987-89 Furniture Designs: Ancy Table (1987); Vivonne Chair (1987); La Roquebrou Bench (1989)
- 1986 **Streetside**, Restaurant, Lethbridge, CA
- 1982 Temporary Gateway to the Half Moon Theatre, (with PNL students) London, UK
- 1980 Open Air Architectural Stage Set, Bremen Teerhof, DE
- 1979-85 **Half Moon Theatre**, London, UK
- 1973-78 **Fischer Sonnenhaus**, (Building Planning + Resources - Florian Beigel and Konrad Frey), Grundlsee, AT
- 1977 **Astronomical Observatory**, Polytechnic of North London, (with PNL students), London, UK
- The Baldachin Project, festival structure, (with students from South Bank Poly), UK
- 1976 **Wandsworth Flexible Grid Shell Structure**, (with PNL students), London, UK
- 1975 **The Catenary Net** in Bedford Square, (with AA students), London, UK
- The Catenary Play Net** for Islington Parks and Recreation Department, (with PNL students), London, UK
- Pergola Gridshell**, St. John's Wood, London, UK
- 1974 **Gridshell** at Highbury Fields, London, UK
- 1971-75 **Fischer Fine Art Gallery Conversion**, (Building Planning + Resources - Florian Beigel and Konrad Frey), London, UK
- 1966 Beigel House, Warthausen, DE

Publications

- 2014 **TRANSLATIONS**, Florian Beigel and Philip Christou, edited by the Architecture Research Unit, London and the Swiss Architecture Museum, Basel, (English and German language), Christoph Merian Verlag and Swiss Architecture Museum
- 2013 **Baukunst 01 - Florian Beigel and Philip Christou**, The Idea of City, Ajand publishers, London, UK
- 2011 **Cultivation and Culture**, Edited by Florian Beigel and Philip Christou, Michael Dillon, James Decent, Ciaran Chapel-Canty, and Moa Rundlöf. Research work by Diploma Unit One students at London Metropolitan University, published by Architecture Research Unit, London
- Baukunst**, Edited by Florian Beigel and Philip Christou, Robert Grover, Joseph Little, Sara Oxley and David Valinsky. Research work by Diploma Unit One students at London Metropolitan University, published by Architecture Research Unit, London
- 2010 **Architecture as City**, Saemangeum Island City, Florian Beigel and Philip Christou, Springer Vienna, New York
- Architecture as City**, Edited by Florian Beigel and Philip Christou, Lucy Pritchard, Oliver Sheppard, Angela Tsang, David Valinsky. Research work by Diploma Unit One students at London Metropolitan University, published by Architecture Research Unit, London

- City Structures**, Edited by Florian Beigel and Philip Christou, Xenia Adjoubei, Alessandra Greggio, Mayuko Kanasugi, Lucy Pritchard, Alex Thomas. Research work by Diploma Unit One students at London Metropolitan University, published by Architecture Research Unit, London
- landscape as city**, Edited by Florian Beigel and Philip Christou, Alexander Gore, Paul Rawson, Nicola Read, Matt Whittaker. Research work by Diploma Unit One students at London Metropolitan University, published by Architecture Research Unit, London, (1st edition) 2008, (2nd edition)
- 2007 **Urban Figures, A Few Notes Towards the Idea of a More Figurative Architecture**, in Context 3 Korea, guest edited and written by Florian Beigel and Philip Christou, Issue 279, p.120-165
- Tenerife Island City**, Edited by Florian Beigel and Philip Christou, with texts by Virgilio Gutierrez Herreros, Juan Antonio Gonzalez Perez, and Arsenio Perez Amaral, published by Architecture Research Unit, London
- Urban Figures**, Edited by Florian Beigel and Philip Christou, Alexander Bank, Jamie Baxter, Sam Casswell, Gemma Drake and Tom Graham. Research work by Diploma Unit One students at London Metropolitan University, (originally published without ISBN by Architecture Research Unit, London in 2007), published by ARU, (1st edition) 2010, (2nd Edition)
- 2004 **Special issue on the recent works of Florian Beigel and the Architecture Research Unit**, in Context 3 Korea, London and Kim Jong Kyu and the Metropolitan Architecture Research Unit, Seoul, Issue 241
- 2003 **time architecture, a selected architectural works by florian beigel + architecture research unit**, london metropolitan university, Second Revised Edition, Architecture Research Unit, London
- caravanserai, making a place for transitional urban dwellings**, Edited by Florian Beigel and Philip Christou, published by Architecture Research Unit, London
- 2002 **Recycled Landscapes: Florian Beigel + Architecture Research Unit**, Exhibition catalogue, Ministerio de Fomento, Madrid, Spain
- 2000 **Outside In, London Architecture**, Exhibition catalogue edited by Arno Ritter and Peter Alison, Architekturforum Tirol, Innsbruck, Austria and AR/GE KUNST Galerie Museum, Bolzano, Italy, Verlag Anton Pustet, Salzburg
- 1996 **Korean Architects**, Special issue on Florian Beigel, issue no.141