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THE RICHARD MEIER MODEL MUSEUM TO OPEN AT MANA CONTEMPORARY

JERSEY CITY, NJ, Dec. 23, 2013—Mana Contemporary will soon be home to the museum of one of the most celebrated architects of our time. The Richard Meier Model Museum opens to the public with a reception from 1-6 p.m. on Sunday, January 12. Free transportation from Manhattan will be provided.

The new space at Mana Contemporary replaces Richard Meier's 3,600-square-foot model museum in Long Island City with a 15,000-square-foot suite on the art center's 2nd floor. The grand space will feature The Richard Meier Model Museum, as well as the architect's personal studio and research library. A gallery will rotate exhibitions of his art, such as prints, sketches, renderings, photographs, and sculptures.

Richard Meier's 150-plus model collection spans the architect's entire career, going back to the 1965 Smith House, one of the early projects which established his reputation. Highlights of the model museum include large-scale study models of the Getty Center in Los Angeles. The research center will be open to students and practicing architects and will serve as an incubator and educational resource for emerging architects and designers.

"Richard Meier's new space at Mana Contemporary will reveal his intricate design process to a wider audience," said Eugene Lemay, founder and director of Mana Contemporary. "We are honored to be the home of not only the museum but also a research institute for ongoing study."

ABOUT RICHARD MEIER

Richard Meier recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of the establishment of his firm in New York City. In 1984, Meier was awarded the Pritzker Prize for Architecture, considered the field's highest honor, and he has been the youngest individual architect ever to be awarded this honor. Meier's international body of work is acclaimed for its abstraction, formal clarity, and uncompromising all-white facades. The absence of color is an intrinsic characteristic of his works; his philosophy is grounded in using light as the main material to give form to his precise, linear architecture.

ABOUT MANA CONTEMPORARY

Mana Contemporary is a groundbreaking cultural institution with locations in Jersey City and Chicago. Based on an integrated philosophy, its facilities provide services, spaces, and programming for artists, collectors, curators, performers, students, and the greater community within single locations. For more information about Mana Contemporary, please visit www.manacontemporary.com.

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