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***LOST IN NATURE***

***The Architecture of Jarmund / Vignæs AS Architects MNAL, Oslo, Norway***

**Exhibition:**

***October 30 – November 29, 2009***

**Steinberg Hall Architecture Gallery, Washington University in St. Louis**

**Opening Lecture: Einar Jarmund, JVA Partner**

***Friday, October 30, 2009, 5.30 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.***

**Steinberg Hall Auditorium, Washington University in St. Louis**

Contemporary Norwegian architecture is among the most vibrant in the world today. The exhibition **LOST IN NATURE** highlights selected work of the energetic, accomplished Oslo-based practice of Jarmund/Vignæs (partners Einar Jarmund, Hakon Vignæs, Alessandra Kosberg). The practice focuses on projects with potential for meaningful architecture, most often closely related to nature and preferably in strong natural settings with harsh climate conditions. The practice explores modern possibilities with sensual and tactile means, seeking the right character for the place and purpose. Clear and understandable strategies aim for results that are both self-evident and sensational. Larger projects results most commonly from competition-winning schemes, smaller projects from the reputation of former clients and structures.

**Jarmund / Vignæs Architects are:** Einar Jarmund, Håkon Vignæs, Alessandra Kosberg. Jarmund and Vignæs were born in 1962 in Oslo and graduated from the Oslo School of Architecture in 1987 and 1989. Håkon spent one year at the Architectural Association (AA) in London and Einar took a Masters degree from University of Washington in Seattle. Håkon worked with Sverre Fehn, while Einar taught and worked in Seattle.

Both were visiting Professors at Washington University in St. Louis in 2004, at University of Arizona, Tucson in 2005, and are fall, 2009, visiting Professors at the Rhode Island School of Design.

Jarmund / Vignæs Architects was established in 1995 after teaching and independent practice for both partners. In 2004 the partnership acquired a third partner, Alessandra Kosberg (b. 1967), who graduated from the Oslo School of Architecture in 1995, and started working with JVA in 1997. JVA currently employs 17 architects.

With projects ranging from summer cabins and private homes to schools, office buildings and research centers, the work of JVA has been published and exhibited extensively in

Europe, South America and Asia; JVA has represented Norwegian architecture at the Buenos Aires and Sao Paulo Architecture Biennales. In the United States, *Architectural Record* has published several JVA buildings, but *LOST IN NATURE* is the first exhibition of JVA's work in North America.



**LOST IN NATURE, exhibition**

**LOST IN NATURE: The Architecture of Jarmund Vigsnaes Architects, Oslo, Norway**

**Selected completed buildings:**

**1998: Administration building for the governor of Svalbard, Longyearbyen.**

**1999: Kvitsøy Coastal Control, Norway. 1. prize competition 1997.**

**2000: West end public bath, Oslo, Norway. Refurbishment.**

**2001: Oslo School of Architecture, Norway. 1. prize competition 1998.**

**2002: The Red House, Oslo, Norway.**

**2002: Turtagrø Hotel, Jotunheimen, Norway.**

**2003: Apartment for the Crown Prince couple of Norway**

**2004: Cabin Nordmarka, Norway.**

**2004: Villa by the Ocean, Stavanger Norway.**

**2005: Svalbard Science Center, Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen. 1. prize competition 2001.**

**2006: Norwegian Ministry of Defence, Akershus Fortress, Oslo.**

**2006: White House, Norway.**

**2006: Triangle House, Nesodden Norway.**

**Selected current projects:**

**2006 – 2007: Tourist Road facilities, Lofoten, Norway. 6 different sites.**

**2006 Kvadrat shoppingmall, Sandnes, Norway. 1. prize competition 2006.**

**2006 Oslo International School, Bærum Norway.**

**2007 Norefjell, Norway. Mountain village and hotel. 1. prize competition 2006.**

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