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## AIA MINNESOTA MATRIX NEWSLETTER

MAY 2019

### ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS

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| AIA MN Young Architect Award Due May 17 | Call for A'19 MN Proposals Extended               |
| Architecture MN at Room & Board May 7   | Advertise in the Homes by Architects Tour Program |
| Minneapolis Merit Awards Due May 31     | AIA Northern Regional Meeting May 31              |
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## Hip-Hop Architecture is HERE!

By Eric West, AIA, AIA Minnesota President



AIA Minnesota is working very hard to expose a wider audience to the value of architecture and design, and to create a more diverse and inclusive discussion about the built environment. We are working to encourage young people to have a voice and to open their minds to the potential of becoming an architect, which can help them shape their communities to reflect their values.

Sharing design ideas can be difficult for some. Putting your ideas and opinions on the table opens the potential for critique.

The easiest path is to keep your head down and go about your work, to avoid pushing yourself into new territory - but that is not a path that leads to growth. There is great value in exposing ourselves to new ideas and to trying new things.

Recently AIA St. Paul--with sponsoring support from several other organizations, including AIA Minnesota, AIA Minneapolis, and MAF--took a calculated risk by hosting the [Hip Hop Architecture exhibit](#) at SpringBOX! as our first Center for Architecture "pop-up" event. The exhibit had a great run at the Center for Architecture in New York, was met with critical acclaim by the architectural press, and showcases 25 architects and artists from across the world, including the work of local, award-winning architect James Garrett, Jr. and the firm 4RM+ULA.

None of that was the risky part. It was a risk because we did not know exactly what it would take to make it happen; we'd never done an exhibit of this nature before, much less in such a unique venue (the garage of a long-abandoned auto dealership).

While the effort to get the exhibit installed may have been greater than we projected (a big thank you to curator Sekou Cooke, James Garrett, Jr., the staff team, and the many, many volunteers who made it happen), the results so far are exactly what we hoped for: great attendance at kickoff events, many ideas exchanged, and work exhibited that challenges the dominant narratives of what architecture is and can be. It is inspiring for me to see the work we do in a new way. Kudos to the organizers, the sponsors, and everyone who made this idea a reality.

Expanding access to our profession adds value. Expanding the conversation about the relevance of architecture also adds value. Creating a forum for that expanding dialogue will be a focus for AIA Minnesota in the short and long term. We continue to work hard to determine the best way to give form to that dialogue as we consider developing activities and spaces that will lead to a center for architecture and design in Minnesota. I encourage you to join in that conversation and we encourage you to go and see the Hip Hop Architecture exhibition running weekends through June 15.

If you are moved by this exhibit, spread the word! (And we could always use another volunteer...)

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## CALL TO ACTION

### Young Architects Award Call for Entries Closes Friday, May 17

The 2019 AIA Minnesota Young Architects Award is now accepting submissions. The award is given to individuals who, in an early stage of their career as licensed architects, have shown exceptional leadership and made significant contributions to the profession and the community at large. Submissions close at 5:00 pm on Friday, May 17. [Learn more »](#)



Left to right: Carly Coulson, AIA, and Marc Sloom, AIA

## MAY/JUNE ARCHITECTURE MN LAUNCH EVENT

Tuesday, May 7, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Room & Board, Edina

Join *Architecture MN* at the Room & Board store for drinks, hors d'oeuvres, door prizes, and a lively conversation on Sustainable Residential Design. **Architecture MN** editor Chris Hudson will lead the discussion with a panel of two leading Minnesota architects--Coulson's **Carly Coulson, AIA**, and SALA Architects' **Marc Sloom, AIA**-- along with Room & Board vendor resource manager **Steve Freeman**. The conversation starts at 6:00 pm. [Register for this free event »](#)

## Doors Open Minneapolis

Attend [Doors Open Minneapolis](#) on **May 18-19, 2019!** This exciting inaugural event allows the public free, behind-the-scenes access to 115 buildings in Minneapolis that are architecturally, culturally, or socially significant. AIA Minneapolis is a partnering sponsor of this new civic celebration.

Many of the participating venues are AIA-member-designed, including over 30 that have won local, regional, or national AIA awards. At a number of these venues, you'll have the opportunity to connect with your peers who worked on these projects and are volunteering their time to share their work with the public.

AIA Minnesota has also partnered with Juxtaposition Arts, Twin Cities Public Television, and the Mill City Museum to host two special activities at the Mill City Museum.

From 10:00 am-2:30 pm on both days, explore the [21st Century](#)

**Development** framework in an accessible, family-friendly, hands-on activity developed by Juxtaposition Arts, designing cities inspired by childhood memories.

From 10:30 am-4:30 pm on both days, stop in the West Engine House Theater to view highlights of Twin Cities PBS Minnesota Experience films, selected by AIA Minnesota staff and *Jim Crow of the North* director Daniel Bergin, to shed light on Minneapolis's complex history relating to the built environment.

There's still time to volunteer, as well! Learn how you can get involved [here](#).



*Photos of the exhibit by Chad Holder.*

## ATTEND AIA MINNESOTA'S FIRST POP-UP CENTER FOR ARCHITECTURE EXHIBIT: "CLOSE TO THE EDGE: THE BIRTH OF HIP-HOP ARCHITECTURE"

Don't miss the "Close to the Edge" exhibit. The exhibit is curated by Sekou Cooke, professor of architecture at Syracuse University, and spotlights local AIA Minnesota member

**James Garrett, Jr., AIA, NOMA**, and the firm 4RM+ULA's work. The exhibit is at the old Saxon Ford building, 262 University Avenue West, St. Paul, which will be the new home of Springboard for the Arts ("SpringBOX!") and runs Thursday-Saturday until June 14, 2019.

Interested in volunteering? [Click here](#) »

[Learn more about the exhibit](#) »

[Read MinnPost's coverage of the exhibit](#) »

## Call for AIA Fellowship Candidates

Have you made a significant contribution to the profession and society while exemplifying architectural excellence? You can become a member of the [AIA College of Fellows](#). AIA Fellows are recognized with the AIA's highest membership honor for their exceptional work and contributions to architecture and society. The prestige of FAIA after your name is substantial and the judging is rigorous. If you want to learn more about the process and receive advice throughout the nomination process, let the AIA Minnesota Fellows Advisory Group help. Notify [Amber Allardyce](#) of your interest and to be included on the meeting announcements.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

## AELSLAGID Board Allows Direct Application to NCARB for the Architect Registration Examination (ARE)

The Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design (AELSLAGID) is pleased to announce that its rule modifications allowing applicants to apply directly to NCARB for the Architect Registration Examination (ARE) will be effective **May 13, 2019**.

Once fully implemented, applicants will no longer need to submit an application to the Board to sit for or retake sections of the exam. Instead, applicants will apply directly to NCARB to complete both the examination and experience requirements. After passing all sections of the ARE and documenting all AXP experience, individuals will submit an application for licensure and complete NCARB record to the Board. [Learn more »](#)

## MAF Rapson Recipient -- Michael Hara, AIA

**Michael Hara, AIA**, has been named recipient of the 2019 Ralph Rapson Traveling Study Fellowship. The Minnesota Architectural Foundation (MAF) and the Fellowship awards a \$12,000 prize to the winners a two-part competition to advance the recipient's education in architecture through foreign or domestic travel-study under a theme of discovery. [Learn more about the design challenge and view the finalists' boards »](#)

## Women's Leadership Summit Scholarships

The Minnesota Architectural Foundation (MAF) will be awarding 13 scholarships to



attend the 2019 Women's Leadership Summit in Minneapolis. Details and the application will arrive in your email in May.

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## PEOPLE & FIRMS



*Left to right, top to bottom: Ben Johnson, Assoc. AIA; Lauren Perich, AIA; Amber Sausen, AIA; Stefan Balaz, AIA; Greg Frenzel, AIA; Sangyong Hahn, AIA; Christine Peterson, AIA; Steve Wohlford, AIA; Ernesto Ruiz-Garcia, AIA; and Jody Anderson, AIA.*

**Alliance** promoted **Ben Johnson, Assoc. AIA, Lauren Perich, AIA, and Amber Sausen, AIA**, to Senior Associate.

**Alliance** promoted **Stefan Balaz, AIA, Greg Frenzel, AIA, Sangyong Hahn, AIA, Christine Peterson, AIA, and Steve Wohlford, AIA**, to Associate.

**Ernesto Ruiz-Garcia, AIA**, joined **Alliance** as a Lead Project Designer.

**LHB** will be recognized for excellence in workplace safety and health during the Governor's Safety Awards Ceremony at the Minnesota Safety & Health Conference on May 8.

**MSR Design** received a 2019 AIA/ALA Library Building Award for the Louisville Free Public Library. [Learn more »](#)

**MSR Design** received a 2019 AIA COTE Top Ten Award for the Tashjian Bee and Pollinator Discovery Center, University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. [Learn more »](#)

**Perkins + Will** was awarded 100% on the Human Rights Campaign Corporate Equality Index for LGBTQ-inclusive workplace policies and practices. [Learn more »](#)

**Jody Anderson, AIA**, joined the Northland office of **TKDA**.

## WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Paul Anderson, AIA  
Amanda Barden, Assoc. AIA  
Katelyn Chambers, AIA  
Kirsten Erickson, Assoc. AIA  
Kara Iliff, Assoc. AIA

Nicholas Peake, Assoc. AIA  
Valerie Peterson, AIA  
Robert Sehm, AIA  
Djaha Yeboue-Kouame, Assoc. AIA

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## A'19 MN CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE



Program planning has begun and our committee is seeking ideas and proposals for continuing education presentations and tours for this year's Conference.

### **PROPOSAL, TOUR DEADLINE EXTENDED!**

**Proposals:** Who can propose a program? Just about anyone! A committee, a firm or company, an individual member, an allied member or organization, to name a few. Visit [A'19 MN Proposals](#) to access this request. Deadline is May 31, 2019.

**Tours:** We're also looking for great places to tour. Visit [A'19 MN Tours](#) to access this request. Deadline is May 31, 2019.

**Ideas:** And if you don't have a proposal to make, but simply have an idea for a topic or speaker, let us know. Send your suggestions to [Deanna Christiansen](#).

## RESERVE YOUR A'19 MN BOOTH NOW!

We are looking forward to showcasing the latest innovative design and construction industry products and services to our 1,500+ attendees, composed of architects and building industry professionals who come to network, receive continuing education, and seek out new products and companies to partner with.

Explore the [conference prospectus](#) for details, rates, floor plan and sponsorship opportunities, and a link to the online registration page.

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### NATIONAL & LOCAL CHAPTER UPDATES

#### AIA NATIONAL

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#### **A'19: THE AIA CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE**

**June 5-8, 2019**

**Las Vegas**

#### **CONVENTION DELEGATES NEEDED FOR ALL CHAPTERS**

If you are attending the AIA Conference on Architecture in Las Vegas, please consider becoming an official representative of your chapter and participate in the business meetings and election of officers. For details, email [Amber Allardyce](#).

#### **AIA MINNESOTA/UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA/DUNWOODY RECEPTION**

**Thursday, June 6, 6:30 pm**

**Wynn Las Vegas**

AIA Minnesota, the University of Minnesota, and Dunwoody will be co-hosting a reception for all Minnesota attendees and alumni. RSVP to [Amber Allardyce](#).

#### **PRESENTATION ON 2018 EQUITY IN ARCHITECTURE SURVEY**

A new narrated slide presentation on the 2018 Equity in Architecture Survey is available. [Learn more >>](#)



## AIA MINNEAPOLIS

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### AIA MINNEAPOLIS LUNCHEON

**No luncheon in May!**

**Next luncheon: Thursday, June 20, 11:45 am**

[Parallel Cafe, Holden Room](#)

Join us to recognize the 2019 AIA Minneapolis Merit Award Winners. Registration will open soon.

### MERIT AWARD CALL FOR ENTRIES

**Submittals due Friday, May 31**

AIA Minneapolis Merit Awards recognize projects by AIA Minneapolis architects that tell a story of:

- Excellence beyond design
- Public interest design
- The variety of forces that shape a building

[Learn more and apply online »](#)

### 2019 AIA MINNEAPOLIS GOLF OUTING--REGISTER NOW!

The AIA Minneapolis Golf Outing will be held on **Monday, July 29** at Majestic Oaks Golf Club. This is a great day of golf and a great way to support the Minnesota Architectural Foundation at the betting hole.

Registration is now open:

[Golfer registration »](#)

[Sponsorship opportunities »](#)

### HERITAGE PRESERVATION AWARDS

AIA Minneapolis, Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission and Preserve Minneapolis are pleased to announce that nine local architecture and design firms have received 2019 Minneapolis Preservation Awards. The winners were recognized during a gala reception February 28, 2019 at the historic Pillsbury A-Mill. This year's winners in each category include:

#### Historic Restoration, Rehabilitation or Adaptive Reuse

Millwork Lofts

Maytag Building

Smyth Lofts

Thompson Flats

#### Grassroots, Advocacy and Education

Minneapolis Music History Project

#### Preservation Gem

Chris Church Lutheran Courtyard  
Municipal Building Clocks  
Pillsbury A-Mill Hydroelectric Power

[Steve Murray Award](#)

Elizabeth Gales

[View the full announcement »](#)

## AIA NORTHERN MINNESOTA

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### CONTINUING EDUCATION: ETHICS FOR DESIGN PROFESSIONALS

Thursday, May 16, 11:00 am - 1:30 pm

[Clyde Iron Works Event Center](#)

2.0 Ethics LU Hours

Presented by Kristine Kubes, Kubes Law Office [Details and registration »](#)

### CHAPTER REGIONAL MEETING

Friday, May 31, 1:00 - 6:00 pm

**Sanford Medical Center, Bemidji**

Join the AIA Northern Chapter board for a tour of the Sanford Center and a program by **Chris Hudson, Hon. AIAMN**, who will offer tips for getting more coverage in Architecture MN and being successful in AIA Minnesota awards programs. Photo with Paul Bunyan and Babe and a social hour at Bemidji Brewing to follow. [Register »](#)

### SAVE THE DATE! CHAPTER GOLF OUTING

Friday, July 12

**Enger Park, Duluth**

Watch for more details and registration information, coming soon!

## AIA ST. PAUL

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2018 St. Paul Prize Design Competition winners and runners up recently presented their design proposals at AIA St. Paul's Food for Thought event. Left to right: **Kamon Liu, Assoc. AIA (winner)**, **Sean Higgins, Assoc. AIA**, **Chad Miller, AIA (winner)**, and **Joe Mollen, AIA**.

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## COMMITTEE AND KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY UPDATES

### ARCHITECT LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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#### UPDATED ARCHITECTURE LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

Co-Chairs: **Kyle Burr, Assoc. AIA**, and **Jeremy Van Minsel, AIA**

Chair-Elect: **Matt Wingard, Assoc. AIA**

#### ARE 5.0 REVIEW: PRACTICE MANAGEMENT AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Wednesday, May 15, 5:30 - 9:30 pm

Crown Roller Mill Conference Room

[Registration and details »](#)

#### TENTATIVE FALL SCHEDULE FOR 2019 ARE REVIEWS

- September/October - Project Development & Documentation and Project Planning & Design
- September - Focus on Mechanical and Electrical
- October - Focus on Structural Systems
- November Conference - Programming Analysis

#### AXP/ARE FIRM CONTACTS

The AIA Minnesota Architect Licensing Advisory Committee would like to establish an email list with a person from within your firm that serves as our point of contact for all things AXP and ARE. We will keep your office "in the know!" [Learn more »](#)

### BUILDING CODES KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

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## OPEN FORUM DISCUSSION

**Wednesday, May 8, 12:00 pm**

**AIA Minnesota Meeting Room**

Bring your code questions, experiences, and updates to share. Adoption of the 2018 IECC residential energy code will also be discussed.

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## COMMITTEE ON EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

### EXPLORE THE DRAFTING PROGRESS WEBSITE

The Committee on Equity, Diversity, and inclusion has created a new website for dialogue on these important topics. View articles from architecture publications and other industries, and participate in discussions on the topic of the month! [Visit the site »](#)

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## COUNCIL OF FIRMS KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

### SUCCESSION PLANNING

**Monday, May 13, 11:30 am**

**Crown Roller Mill Conference Room, First Floor**

RSVP to [Mary Shaffer, AIA](#), or [Scott Neal, AIA](#), by the end of the day Thursday, May 9.

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## EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

### U+B ARCHITECTURE FIRM TOUR

**Thursday, May 23, 5:30 pm**

Join the AIA Emerging Professionals Committee for a tour of U+B Architecture's urban Uptown Minneapolis office space and hear more about their firm environment. Refreshments provided.

[Register »](#)

### NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE NORTH CENTRAL STATES REGION EP-FRIENDLY FIRM AWARD

Does your firm value and support students and emerging professionals? Are you looking for a way to set your firm apart and attract the best talent?

The AIA NCSR Emerging Professionals are sponsoring the EP Friendly Firm Award to showcase firms in our region who are committed to training and giving opportunities to students and young architects. It is a free, point-based award weighted by firm size. Applicants in 2019 will be advertised on the AIA NCSR Website through 2020. The list of award winning firms will be circulated through architectural schools, AIA components, and emerging professional groups within Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. [Application and directions »](#)

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## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**Monday, May 6, 8:00 am**

**AIA Minnesota Meeting Room**

Join us for an update on legislative activities this session and find out more about how you can help accomplish our [2019 agenda](#).

## HEALTH DESIGN KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

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**OPERATING ROOM DESIGN**

**Thursday, May 30, 4:00 pm**

[Perkins + Will](#)

## HOUSING ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

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**Wednesday, June 5, 12:00 pm**

**AIA Minnesota Meeting Room**

Join us to discuss events, affordable housing policy, and much more!

## KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY ON THE ENVIRONMENT (KCOTE)

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**Thursday, May 9, 7:30 am**

**AIA Minnesota Meeting Room**

(Rescheduled from the April meeting, which was cancelled due to weather) How do building codes contribute to reducing greenhouse gas emissions? Can legislation for a stretch code help Minnesota meet climate goals? This session will walk through ways the energy code has increased building performance over time, how the Minnesota Code Compliance Collaborative works to increase code compliance, where the state is in terms of adopting the energy code, and how a stretch code (and other legislation) can help the state meet our climate goals. Our speaker will be Ben Rabe, Senior Policy Associate with Fresh Energy.

## RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

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**2019 HOMES BY ARCHITECTS TOUR SEPTEMBER 21-22**

We have room for a few more residential projects on this year's Homes by Architects Tour. Do you have a new build or remodeling project that could be featured? Contact [Angie McKinley](#).

**ADVERTISE IN THE OFFICIAL TOUR PROGRAM**

AIA Minnesota will be publishing the 2019 Homes by Architects Tour program. To sponsor the tour or advertise in the program, contact [Pam Nelson](#).

**2019-2020 HOME OF THE MONTH PROJECTS ANNOUNCED**

The next 12 homes to be featured in the Star Tribune's "Home of the Month" series were announced at a public event on April 25. [See the selected projects »](#)



## TECHNOLOGY IN ARCHITECTURE PRACTICE KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY (TAP)

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### NO MEETING IN MAY

#### DESIGN COLLABORATION PROCESS: HOW DO TEAMS COMMUNICATE?

Thursday, June 20, 5:00 pm

Location TBA

## WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

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### SECOND QUARTER SOCIAL

Thursday, June 6, 4:30 pm

[Royal Foundry Spirits](#)

Stop in for networking and conversation! A tour of the facility will be offered. [Learn more »](#)

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## AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION NEWS & EVENTS

[DULUTH PRESERVATION ALLIANCE SCHOLARSHIP FOR ARCHITECTURE DUE JUNE 1 »](#)

[HOST A SPIRIT CULTURAL EXCHANGE ARCHITECTURE OR ENGINEERING INTERN »](#)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

[HOMES FOR ALL COALITION CAPITOL RALLY FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING MAY 6 »](#)

[MPR/MINNEAPOLIS PARKS EVENT: THE PARKS PRESCRIPTION MAY 7 »](#)

[2019 LUNDIE HOME TOUR JULY 13 »](#)

Visit the [AIA Minnesota Events Calendar](#) for more information about upcoming events.



## CHECK OUT THE LATEST ISSUE OF [ARCHITECTURE MN](#).

The May/June 2019 issue of *Architecture MN* features three new lakeside retreats; the expansion of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis; an in-depth interview with Dr. Bruce Corrie, the City of St. Paul's planning and economic development director; and an introduction to 21st Century Development, a new framework for the design of sustainable communities. [Read more »](#)

## ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

The **July/August** issue features architecture for kids and historic preservation. This issue also includes the Directory of Renovation, Remodeling, and Restoration. If your architecture firm specializes in any of these areas, you should be listed here!


Contact [Pam Nelson](#) ASAP to be included in the Directory. Ad deadline is May 10.

[Click here](#) for the 2019 media kit and directory form. For more information or to reserve your ad spot, contact [Pam Nelson](#).

## Stay caught up with AIA Minnesota on Social Media

Get updates on events, activities and the latest architectural news from AIA Minnesota and its chapters on social media. And don't forget to tag us on your news to share!

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