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LIBRARY EXHIBITION

Victor Jones

Infrastructural Etiquette: Sergio Musmeci + Zenaide Zanini Potenza 1966–1976

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Friday, October 7, 7pm: Opening Reception



LOS ANGELES, CA (August 30, 2016) – SCI-Arc is pleased to present, Victor Jones *Infrastructural Etiquette: Sergio Musmeci + Zenaide Zanini Potenza 1966–1976*, opening October 7 in the SCI-Arc Library. When the Basento Bridge opened to the public in 1976, it was greeted with mixed reaction. Praised by some for its elegant shape and innovative design, the bridge was condemned by others for being overly indulgent and unnecessarily complicated.

At a time when there was virtually no substantive design conversation about infrastructure’s social value beyond utility, structural engineer Sergio Musmeci and his partner, architect Zenaide Zanini, conceived a provocative project mindful of environmental equity.

Now, as design discourse turns its attention to infrastructure’s civic and social role in cities, cultural activist Victor Jones triggers a reassessment of the Basento Bridge and how its formal “imposition” - derived from soapy film and bubbles - is not only straight to the point but affirms notions of socially-minded and aesthetically-driven infrastructure.

Jones’s *mise-en-scène* of artifacts and drawings alongside images by architectural photographer H el ene Binet capture a glimpse of the bridge’s daring ambition.

About Victor Jones

Victor J. Jones is principal of Los Angeles based design firm (Fièvre + Jones) and a cultural activist. His work concentrates on socially based design with particular interest in creative practices that support the well-being of individuals challenged by poverty, prejudice, and powerlessness. The relationships between architecture, infrastructure, and the urban experience play a critical role in both his creative and intellectual pursuits.

About H el ene Binet

H el ene Binet is a London based photographer whose singular vision is a profound contribution to the field of architectural photography, capturing renowned contemporary and historical buildings throughout the world. As an advocate of analogue photography, she works exclusively with film. Her photographs are part of permanent collections in major museums including the Museum of Modern Art in New York and the Carnegie Museum of Art in Pittsburgh.

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Public Programs

The SCI-Arc Library Gallery is located on the 2nd floor at the north end of the building and is open Sunday-Friday, 12–6pm. Parking and admission is free. No reservations are required.

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About SCI-Arc

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