

RZLBD

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Collaborators (Since 2015)

Architecture

Aziza Asat
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Sebastien Beauregard
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Engineering

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Atelier RZLBD

Atelier RZLBD is a boutique art & architecture practice based in Toronto founded by the architect Reza Aliabadi; whose work extends to making arts, crafting objects, designing buildings, curating installations, and publishing a zine called rzlbdPOST. The practice is not just an ordinary operation that serves, rather like a positive virus, it contributes, communicates, challenges, and adapts itself to the project and its context.

In recognition of the high quality of the studio's work at a variety of scales, RZLBD has been distinguished with numerous accolades, including the International Architecture Master Prize (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022), American Architecture Prize (2017), the City of Markham Design Excellence Award (2014), and two awards from the Ontario Association of Architects (2009, 2011). RZLBD works have also been exhibited in many venues locally and globally, including the Sir Joan Soane's Museum in London, England (2018), the World Architecture festival (Berlin 2017, Amsterdam 2018), and Toronto Harbourfront Centre (2012). The Practice's craft has been celebrated in more than 100 print publications. This coverage includes stories in Architectural Review, MARK, Wallpaper*, the Globe & Mail, Canadian Architect and Canadian Interiors, features in anthologies from international publishing houses Yale University Press, Phaidon, Actar, Braun, Rizzoli, and Harper Collins, and online articles by ArchDaily, Dezeen, Domus and DesignBoom.

In 2017, RZLBD had the significant honour of being selected by Canadian Architect as one of the country's top emerging talents. In the same year, UK publisher Artifice released a monograph, *RZLBD HOPSCOTCH: Seeking a territory for a vision*, which recognizes the early years of Reza's practice by collecting essays, selected built project profiles, and annotated drawings. In 2020, Actar has released Reza's latest book, *The Empty Room: Fragmented thoughts on space*.

RZLBD (Reza Aliabadi)

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In 1999, Reza graduated as a valedictorian from Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Tehran, with a Master's degree in Architecture. After completing a post-professional Master's of Architecture at McGill University in 2006 and obtaining the license to practice in 2010, he started the Atelier Reza Aliabadi "RZLBD" in Toronto. Since then, he has established a strong reputation in both national and international art & architectural communities. Local and global media have published many of RZLBD's projects. He has been invited to exhibit in galleries and museums, sit at the peer assessment committee of Canada Council for the Art, speak at CBC Radio, give lectures at art & architecture schools and colleges, and be a guest reviewer at design studios.

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