

# RZLBD

## PORTRAIT

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### Collaborators (Since 2015)

#### Architecture

Aziza Asat  
Arman Azar  
Sebastien Beauregard  
Kiera Hughston  
James Chungwon Park

#### Design

Bahar Joshan  
Borzu Talaie

#### Enginnering

Amir Aliabadi

### RZLBD

Atelier RZLBD is a boutique practice for architecture, art, and design based in Toronto founded by the architect Reza Aliabadi; whose work extends to designing buildings & objects, curating installations & expositions, 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), American Architecture Prize (2017), the City of Markahm 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, Braun, Rizzoli, and Harper Collins, and online articles by ArchDaily, Dezeen, Domus and DesignBoom.

Furthermore, in July, 2017, RZLBD had the significant honour of being selected by Canadian Architect as one of the country's top emerging talents.

### Reza Aliabadi

M.ARCH, M.PHIL. ARCH  
OAA, MRAIC, ICEO

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 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 and architecture schools and colleges, and be a guest reviewer at design studios. He mentors a handful of talented interns in the Greater Toronto Area; while he maintains an ongoing interest in architectural research in areas such as microarchitecture, housing ideas for the future and other dimensions of urbanism such as compactness and intensification. Beside his architectural practice, Reza also publishes a periodical zine called rzlbdPOST. UK publisher Artifice recently released a monograph, RZLBD Hopscotch, which recognizes the past seven years of Reza's practice by collecting essays, project profiles, and annotated drawings.

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## RECOGNITIONS

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2018, 2nd Prize, Shinkenchiku Residential Design, Japan [100 House](#)  
2018, Honourable Mention, Architecture Master Prize (AMP) [Flipped House](#)  
2018, Commended, The Architectural Drawing Prize (WAF) [Spatial Cocktails \(Night\)](#)  
2018, Finalist, Italian Fashion Hub, Bologna, Italy [Centipede](#)  
2017, Winner, International American Architecture Prize (AAP) [Opposite House](#)  
2017, Commended, The Architectural Drawing Prize (WAF) [100](#)  
2017, Green Award, Pape Bird Observation Tower, Latvia [Gnomon](#)  
2017, Honourable Mention, Amber Road trekking Cabin, Latvia [un\(a\)like](#)  
2017, Canada's Top Emerging Talents, Canadian Architect magazine [Atelier RZLBD](#)  
2014, Award of Merit, Markham Design Excellence Awards [Gallery House](#)  
2011, Award of Excellence, OAA Awards [Transimage \(photo installation\)](#)  
2009, Honourable Mention, OAA Awards [Cart Shelter \(concept proposal\)](#)  
2003, 1st place, (TCO) of I.R. Architectural Competition [Nosa R&D building](#)  
2003, 1st place, (TCO) of I.R. Architectural Competition [Sina Kavosh R&D building](#)  
2002, Honourable Mention, The Grand Memar Award [Villa No.24 & Villa No.81](#)  
2002, 5th place, (TCO) of I.R. Architectural Competition [Sandjesh D.T. Co. R&D building](#)  
2001, Honourable Mention, The Grand Memar Award [Villa No.81](#)  
1999, Valedictorian, Tehran University [M. Arch. program](#)

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## EXHIBITIONS

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2018, Sir John Soane's Museum, London [Spatial Cocktails \(Night\)](#)  
2018, World Architecture Festival (WAF), Amsterdam [Spatial Cocktails \(Night\)](#)  
2018, Urbanspace Gallery, Nuit Blanche, Toronto [+ve Virus](#)  
2018, Urbanspace Gallery, Toronto [RZLBD Hopscotch](#)  
2018, Sir John Soane's Museum, London [100](#)  
2017, World Architecture Festival (WAF), Berlin [100](#)  
2017, Doors Open Toronto, Toronto [RZLBD Hopscotch](#)  
2017, McGill University, School of Architecture, Montreal [RZLBD Hopscotch](#)  
2016, Doors Open Toronto, Toronto [3R-Wall \(Reused Revisited and Revised\)](#)  
2016, Only One Gallery, Toronto [Taxonomies](#)  
2014, RZLBD Atelier, Toronto [Presence of Voids](#)  
2013, RZLBD Atelier, Toronto [H8: Selected House \(2009-2012\)](#)  
2013, RZLBD Atelier, Toronto [Canadian Arctic: A Visual Diary](#)  
2012, Harbourfront Centre, Toronto [Bowtie, Big Enough?](#)  
2009, McGill University, School of Architecture, Montreal [63 Degree House](#)  
2009, Urbanscape Gallery, Toronto [My City II, Urban Cardiogram](#)  
2009, Urbanscape Gallery, Toronto [Cart Shelter \(OAA Awards\)](#)  
2008, Urbanscape Gallery, Toronto [Transimage](#)  
2008, Urbanscape Gallery, Toronto [My City: urban artworks](#)  
2004, Iranian Artist't Forum, Tehran [Complete Works \(1995-2004\)](#)  
2003, Tehran Int. TradeFair [Innovative Architecture, Projects of 6 honoured architects](#)  
2002, Barg Gallery, Tehran [Villa 81 \(The Grand Memar Award\)](#)  
1998, Karshive Gallery, Tehran [Photo Exhibition](#)