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Three nationally acclaimed architects and a famed urban developer will appear as guest speakers at a free all-day symposium, "Shaping the City," to be held at the University of California, San Diego Mandeville Center Auditorium May 5, 1990.

The 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. symposium will be sponsored by the UCSD School of Architecture. A similar event last year, attended by more than 1,500, marked the founding of the new school.

Visiting participants scheduled to speak are Stanton Eckstut, FAIA, New York City; Barton Myers, AIA and Fellow, RAIC, Los Angeles; James Rouse, honorary lifetime member of the AIA, Baltimore and Daniel Solomon, FAIA, San Francisco. They will address the broad architectural issues that face cities today, such as public spaces, pedestrian linkages, housing and landmark architecture.

Richard Bender, former dean of the College of Environmental Design at UC Berkeley, will moderate the symposium, Adele Santos, will add commentary, and a panel of eight San Diego experts will respond to the national participants.

The local panelists include Ignacio Bunster, landscape architect with Wallace Roberts & Todd; Ernest Hahn, chairman, Centre City Planning Committee; Pam Hamilton, executive vice president, Centre City Development Corporation; Don Hansen, principal, Austin Hansen Group and immediate past president of the San Diego Chapter, AIA; Tawfiq Koury, chairman, Pacific Scene; Ron Roberts, architect and city councilman, Second District; Ralph Roesling, principal, RNP Architects and Mike Stepner, city architect, City of San Diego.

In conjunction with the symposium, an exhibition featuring projects of the four speakers is being held at Mandeville Gallery from April 7 to May 13.

Eckstut, a noted urban designer, was co-author of the original master plan for Battery Park City. Among projects in the exhibition, he will feature the mixed-use community of Pike Property in Long Beach and the Aloha Towers Complex plan for revitalizing the Honolulu waterfront. He teaches at Columbia University's Graduate School of Architecture and Urban Planning.

Myers, who gained international recognition while working as an architect in Toronto, is head of the firm of Barton Myers Associates in Los Angeles and a professor of architecture at UCLA. He argues for multi-centered cities, and his design won the competition for the Municipal Government Center in Phoenix, Arizona. One of his most recent projects, another competition winner, is the U.S. Pavilion for Expo '92 in Seville, Spain.

Rouse, the developer who won fame and fortune with the Rouse Company, "retired" to found the Enterprise Foundation and the Enterprise Development Company. The foundation supports non-profit housing groups in cities across the country, helping to rehabilitate housing for the very poor.

Solomon heads Solomon Incorporated, a San Francisco-based architecture and planning firm concerned with the architecture of cities and their edges. He has received considerable attention for his concept of "pedestrian pockets," a mixed-used walking town and for his design guidelines for cities. Among recent projects are a suburban development within a working fruit orchard and the conversion of an old malting plant into housing.

Although the symposium is free, seating is limited and advance tickets are required. For information regarding reservations call 534-3455.

(Note to editors: Photographs of the four guest speakers are available upon request.)

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