

# Ward + Blake Architects Shortlisted for International Architecture Competition

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*Architects will present Teton County Children's Learning Center at Singapore event*



Teton County Children's Learning Center, designed by Ward + Blake Architects, is on the shortlist for the October World Architecture Festival competition in the category of "Completed Buildings – Schools."

Jackson, Wyoming – August 9, 2012 – Ward + Blake Architects has been named to the prestigious World Architecture Festival shortlist in the "Completed Buildings – Schools" category for its design of the Teton County Children's Learning Center—"The Ranch," created in collaboration with Boston-based D.W. Arthur Associates Architecture, Inc. Ward + Blake is the only U.S. firm in the category, which includes nine other architect-designed school projects from Vietnam, Australia, Spain, Taiwan, Japan and the UK (the complete shortlist is available online at [www.worldarchitecturefestival.com](http://www.worldarchitecturefestival.com)). Ward + Blake principal Mitch Blake along with Woodie Arthur from D.W. Arthur Associates will travel to Singapore in October to present their design for the LEED Gold-certified project at the competition.

“We are pleased with the recognition of our work on The Ranch from the World Architecture Festival, especially since the project represents some of our core goals of designing sustainably and in dialogue with the site,” says Blake, who was the principal in charge on the project “including the first use of rammed earth construction in a Wyoming educational center.”

“It’s an honor to be included with the esteemed list of architects from around the world,” Tom Ward adds.

The World Architecture Festival is the world’s largest festival and live awards competition dedicated to celebrating, and sharing architectural excellence from across the globe. The 2012 event will be held at Marina Bay Sands, Singapore on October 3-5, 2012. Ward + Blake Architects will present their work at the event.

The 12,500-square-foot Teton County Children’s Learning Center – “The Ranch” is a state-of-the-art, child-centered learning center where the building serves as both “an inspired learning space and a teaching tool in its own right,” says Blake. The architects took cues from the surrounding ranchland for their design of the learning center, which is sited on 10 acres of wetlands, accessing a local vernacular and materials. Landscape-inspired influences include an homage to a beaver slide in the outdoor play area, a shed roof design reminiscent of lambing pens or sheds for hay storage, and undulating hallways inspired by Snake River eddies

Ward + Blake Architects was built on a distinctive vision: to be provocative in thought, flexible in nature and disciplined in execution. Since 1996, the firm has earned recognition for architecture that is sensitive to its environment and successfully integrated with its surroundings. Ward + Blake creates buildings that are tactile, modern, bio-climatically responsible, honestly expressed, technologically sound and artfully crafted. For additional information, visit Ward + Blake online at [www.wardblake.com](http://www.wardblake.com) or call 307.733.6867.

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