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Press Release

Why not?

A lecture by Neil Thomas, Atelier One, London on 12 May 2016 at 6:30 pm at the Oskar von Miller Forum

"You see things; and you say, 'Why?' But I dream things that never were; and I say, 'Why not?'"
– George Bernard Shaw

Neil Thomas is Founding Director of Atelier One, a studio which has a spirit of innovation within the field and an enthusiasm for solving design issues.

Atelier One has gained an international reputation as a Structural Engineering Practice specialising in challenging projects. Collaborations with Architects, Artists and Designers have resulted in many interesting built & award winning projects such as Gardens by the Bay in Singapore, London 2012 & Sochi 2014 Olympic Opening Ceremonies, Cloud Gate with Anish Kapoor and 'The Claw' stage for U2's 360 Degree World Tour, with Mark Fisher.

About Neil Thomas

Neil holds a number of high profile posts in the UK & US educational service, most recently being a Visiting Professor to Yale and MIT, and has co-written a book titled 'Liquid Threshold' which gives insight to the complex challenges of a number of extraordinary projects. Most recently Neil has been appointed by Leeds University as a member of a Steering Group to develop a new Architectural Engineering course.

In 2014 Neil was elected Royal Designer for Industry for excellence and innovation in structural design and for sustained ingenuity as a structural engineer in collaborations to create ground-breaking public art. Later in the same year Neil received an Honorary RIBA Fellowship for both the excellence and the inventiveness of his contribution to Architecture over the past 25 years. In 2015 Neil was awarded Fellow of the Institute of Structural Engineers.