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## **Graham Foundation opens new architectural bookshop designed by Ania Jaworska**

Chicago, December 11, 2013—On Tuesday, December 17th, the Graham Foundation will celebrate the launch of its new architectural bookshop designed by Chicago-based Ania Jaworska with a reception and book sale. Located in the former dining room of the foundation's historic Madlener House, a 1901 Prairie style mansion in Chicago's Gold Coast neighborhood, Jaworska's installation is comprised of four bold mesh structures that display books and periodicals from the fields of architecture, design, art, and culture. In addition to recent hard to find publications, many titles are by the Graham Foundation's international community of grantees and others are related to the Foundation's exhibition program. The bookshop also carries select out-of-print titles.

"The new bookshop demonstrates the Graham Foundation's commitment to supporting architectural publications and making sure they are readily available to the public," noted Sarah Herda, director of the Graham Foundation. "It also created an opportunity for us to support emerging architectural talent in Chicago with the commission of Ania Jaworska that resulted in a smart, exuberant and innovative design."

Visitors are first greeted from the street by two neon-embalzed towers, visible through the window, that announce the shop with a simple, welcoming "HI." Comprised of iconic forms—a gateway arch, staircase, and towers—the display structures generate new methods of displaying books. Made of expanded metal mesh, the diamond pattern of the material at once alludes to the detail of the ornamental turn of the century ceiling, while its transparency and pale green color destabilizes the material's conventional industrial use, and plays off of the warm tones of the room's original wood paneling. The forms, color, and sheerness of the installation generate a variety of visual layers that turn books and objects into active variables in an immersive environment.

The bookshop is the most recent development in the transformation of the Graham Foundation's Madlener House into a public hub of activity for architecture and the related arts in Chicago. Over the course of the last several years, under the direction of Sarah Herda, the Graham Foundation has transformed the stately mansion into unique gallery spaces and produced an internationally acclaimed exhibition program. In addition to the new bookshop, galleries, and the third floor ballroom where talks and performances are held, the Madlener House also features a non-circulating architectural library with over 1500 titles funded by the foundation since 1956. All programs are free and open to the public.

### **EVENT DETAILS**

Graham Foundation Bookshop Launch with Ania Jaworska & Holiday Book Sale  
Tuesday, December 17, 2013, 6-8PM

The Graham Foundation will celebrate the launch of its new architectural bookshop designed by Chicago-based Ania Jaworska with a reception and book sale open to the public. All books will be discounted up to 20% off or more.

To RSVP for the event see: [http://grahamfoundation.org/public\\_events](http://grahamfoundation.org/public_events)

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## DESIGN

Ania Jaworska is an architect and educator. She currently teaches art, design, and architecture courses at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and the University of Illinois at Chicago. She holds a master's degree in architecture from the Cracow University of Technology in Poland as well as the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Michigan. Her practice focuses on exploring the connection between art and architecture and her work explores bold simple forms, humor and commentary on conceptual, historic, and cultural references. Jaworska's work was recently presented as part of *13178 Moran Street: Grounds for Detroit* in *Common Ground*, the 13th International Architecture Exhibition in Venice (2012).

## FABRICATION

The bookshop project was fabricated by Chicago-based Metal Magic.

## GRAHAM FOUNDATION MISSION

Founded in 1956, the Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts makes project-based grants to individuals and organizations and produces public programs to foster the development and exchange of diverse and challenging ideas about architecture and its role in the arts, culture, and society.

## ABOUT THE MADLENER HOUSE

Since 1963, the Graham Foundation has been located in the Madlener House, a 9,000 square foot Prairie-style mansion located in the historic Gold Coast neighborhood of Chicago. In its compact, cubic massing the house is related to the German neoclassical work of Karl Friedrich Schinkel and his followers in Berlin, but in many of its details it clearly reveals the influence of Louis Sullivan and Frank Lloyd Wright.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

<http://grahamfoundation.org>

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