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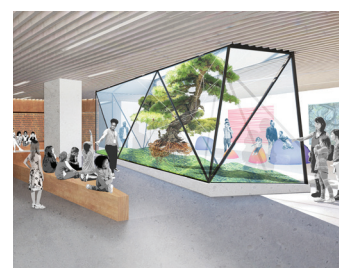
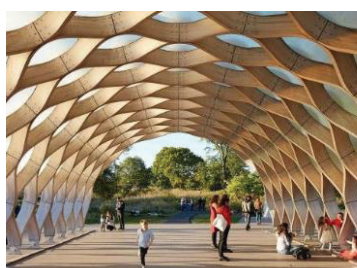
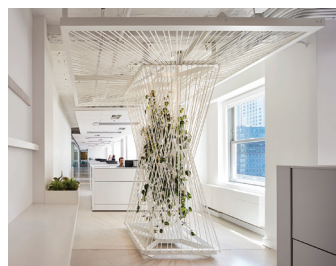
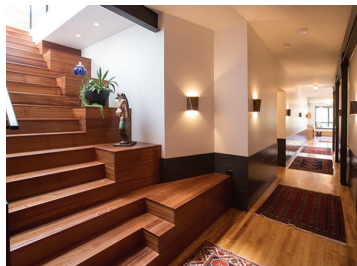
Mir Collective is a certified women-owned [WBE] architecture firm bringing decades of experience and an extensive skill set to developing and delivering high-caliber, internationally recognized projects. Through innovative thinking, a collaborative mindset, and diligent execution we deliver exceptional design.

Our work in the educational, cultural, commercial, not-for-profit, and hospitality sectors has earned awards from Bloomberg Philanthropies, the SEED Network, The National Endowment for the Arts, and the AIA. Numerous projects in our portfolio have earned LEED Platinum, Gold, and Living Building Challenge Certifications in Sustainability. Mir is a full-service architecture firm, spanning everything from comprehensive planning and programming to community engagement to construction administration.

DIFFERENTIATORS

The three Partners of Mir Collective are alumni of Studio Gang, where we worked alongside one another in key leadership and design roles for a combined 25 years. We bring this gamut of skills and experience toward design excellence to our new practice. Our ability to distill and visually communicate key concepts and complex information elevates project delivery and constituent engagement. We understand the ecosystem of large and complex projects, and the connections and components that drive successful projects. A combination of deep experience and small size gives us the ability to be highly competent, effective and efficient collaborators.

We have successfully executed roles of both Consultant to Prime and Lead Architect for high-profile projects. We appreciate what it takes to deliver high-quality architecture and to work within a large team structure without adding to the burden of management. We are accountable for our work and keep project goals at the forefront.



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ABOUT US

Kara Boyd leads cultural, residential, and urban design projects. Kara's 20+ year career includes a lengthy tenure at Studio Gang as a Studio Leader, Designer, and Project Architect for projects including Writers Theatre and the Residence Hall at the University of Chicago. Prior to co-founding Mir, Kara founded and led Nushu architecture studio. Kara is currently leading the design of an Educational Center at a major midwestern Arts Center

Todd Zima has built a 20+ year career leading complex building projects in Chicago and around the world with world-class architecture firms before co-founding Mir. As a Design Principal at Studio Gang, Todd led institutional and commercial projects such as the Residence Hall at the University of Chicago and the ARCUS Center for Social Justice Leadership at Kalamazoo College. Early in his career he worked on the AOR team for the new DeYoung Museum by Herzog & DeMeuron.

Jeana Ripple leads architectural, public art, and urban design projects that foster community engagement. Jeana balances professional practice with her role as the Director of the Graduate Architecture Program at the University of Virginia. She led numerous building and landscape projects at Studio Gang, including the Lincoln Park Zoo Pavilion and Boardwalk, and the MOMA: Foreclosed exhibition. Before co-founding Mir, Jeana led Ripple Architecture Studio.

CORE CAPABILITIES

- Architecture, Urban Design, and Master Planning
- Sustainable Design
- Programming
- Community Engagement and Outreach
- Visual Communication
- Schematics, Concepts, and Visioning
- Feasibility Studies
- Interior Design
- Project Management
- Existing Conditions Documentation

PAST PERFORMANCE

A highlight of architectural projects and /or services we have successfully delivered under MIR and/or as project architects/partners-in-charge with previous employers:

- University of Chicago.....Campus North Residence Hall
- Midwestern Contemporary Arts Center.....Education Center
- NRDC (Natural Resources Defense Council).....Office Expansion
- Kalamazoo CollegeARCUS Social Justice Leadership Center
- University of Virginia.....Feasibility Studies
- California College of the Arts.....New Arts School
- Beloit College.....Campus + Recreation Center
- Writers Theatre.....New Performance Venue
- NEA (National Endowment for the Arts).....Community Engagement
- Arthouse Gary (w/Bloomberg Philanthropies).....New Incubator Facade
- Young Chicago Authors.....Office and Performance Spaces

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