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THE DANISH PROJECT *NICOLAI*, WINNER OF THE FIFTH ROSA BARBA EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE AWARD

Barcelona, September 29, 2008.- The *Nicolai* project, carried out by **Kristine Jensen** in Kolding (Denmark), was presented with the fifth Rosa Barba European Landscape Award on Friday evening, September 26, at the Barcelona Maritime Museum.

Nicolai, by Kristine Jensen. Kolding (Denmark)

Project to transform the former Nicolai educational center (1890-1930) in the city of Kolding into a multidisciplinary cultural space to be used for activities related to cinema, literature, daycare, music, and crafts. The project involves transforming the school playground into the center of activity and integrating the different disciplines to create a complex that is more attractive and inviting than its predecessor. It consists of various elements that are connected to areas designated for outdoor activities: the entrance; a garden where children can play and relax on the grass; a terrace for patrons of the cinema cafés; a large circular stage used for outdoor cinema in summer and for theater performances and concerts; a shopping area; a small garden next to the music hall; and a multifunctional square. A Cor-Ten steel wall and a Cor-Ten steel stage/platform have been built along the two terraces situated on the west side. The playground's sloping terrain is prevalent in the project, and a new blacktop has been installed, which delimits the area with thermoplastic patterns and street paint.

Area: 3,800 m²

The 5th European Landscape Biennial, which includes the prestigious Rosa Barba European Landscape Award, is organized by the Association of Architects of Catalonia (COAC), the Master's Program in Landscape Architecture of the Department of Urban and Territorial Planning (DUOT) at the Polytechnic University of Catalonia (UPC), the Association of Friends of the UPC, and the Division of Architecture and Landscape of the Department of Territorial Policy and Public Works (DPTOP) of the Autonomous Government of Catalonia.

The Rosa Barba Award was created in Barcelona in 1999. It honors the best landscape projects built in Europe within the past four years (2003-2007) and serves as a highly valued barometer of landscape interventions on the continent. For this fifth edition, around 420 projects were presented—273 selected for inclusion in the event, with 11 finalists—from practically all over Europe. The prestige of this European competition is such that projects were submitted from other continents as well even though they could not compete for the Award. The prize is 15,000 euros and is sponsored by the Association of Friends of the UPC.

The international jury of the 5th edition was presided over by Manuel Ruisánchez, architect and professor in the Master's Program in Landscape Architecture of the DUOT (UPC), and includes Fritz Auweck, landscape designer and president of the European Foundation of Landscape Architecture; Michel Corajoud, landscape designer; Lisa Diedrich, landscape designer and coeditor of the magazine *Scape*; and Guido Ferrara, landscape designer and editor of the magazine *Architettura del Paesaggio*.

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