



Urbanized.

A documentary film by
Gary Hustwit

The Saskatchewan Premiere Screening of the Documentary Film - Urbanized
6:00 PM, Wednesday May 30, Roxy Theatre, Saskatoon
Free Admission

Press Release

Great Places is pleased to present the Saskatchewan premiere screening of the film *Urbanized*. This important and timely film will enrich our ongoing discussions around the vision, planning, and design of great cities.

Urbanized is a feature-length documentary about the design of cities, which looks at the issues and strategies behind urban design and features some of the world's foremost architects, planners, policymakers, builders, and thinkers. Over half the world's population now lives in an urban area, and 75% will call a city home by 2050. But while some cities are experiencing explosive growth, others are shrinking. The challenges of balancing housing, mobility, public space, civic engagement, economic development, and environmental policy are fast becoming universal concerns. Yet much of the dialogue on these issues is disconnected from the public domain.

Who is allowed to shape our cities, and how do they do it? Unlike many other fields of design, cities aren't created by any one specialist or expert. There are many contributors to urban change, including ordinary citizens who can have a great impact improving the cities in which they live. By exploring a diverse range of urban design projects around the world, *Urbanized* frames a global discussion on the future of cities.

Urbanized is the third part of Gary Hustwit's design film trilogy, joining *Helvetica* and *Objectified*. This film features some of the world's foremost architects, planners, policymakers, and thinkers, including Jan Gehl, Enrique Peñalosa, Sir Norman Foster, Rem Koolhaas, Oscar Niemeyer, Amanda Burden, Alejandro Aravena, Eduardo Paes, Rahul Mehrotra, Ellen Dunham-Jones, Ricky Burdett, James Corner, Michael Sorkin, Bruce Katz, Candy Chang, Edgar Pieterse, and many more, including extraordinary citizens who have affected change in their cities.

Please join us: **6:00pm Wednesday May 30, Roxy Theatre, Saskatoon**
Free Admission - Q&A discussion / reception to follow screening

Great Places is a discussion forum that focuses on current issues related to the built environment in Saskatoon as shaped by architecture, urban planning, public art and landscape design. The group brings together visionary design professionals, government officials and citizens to discuss projects, initiatives, and precedents, locally and from abroad.

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