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RENDEZVIEWS 229 Richmond Street West

■ Jury Comment

This simple and colourful installation of picnic tables and paint has transformed, on a granular level, a left-over parking lot in the core of Toronto in a way that is unexpected. RendezViews exemplifies what can be achieved when we prioritize spaces for people to gather on the sidewalk level through minimal design.

This is a perfect example of “if it ain’t broke, don’t fix it” and that we do not have to do everything everywhere. The vivid tonality of this project, and the fundamental ideas of slowing, sitting, and appreciating is something that we need more of in Toronto. This project is stunning; its vibrancy and simplicity supports this.



■ Project Team

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