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URBANITE ANNOUNCES THE 2008 URBANITE PROJECT LINEUP

In 2007, *Urbanite* magazine launched the **Urbanite Project**, an annual special issue published in March that brings together a diverse selection of Baltimoreans to collaborate together on the ideas and problems they find most compelling.

For this year's project, we have assembled seven teams of collaborators, drawing on participants who represent a wide range of fields and professions, from art and architecture to science and education.

Each team has been asked to take a clean-slate approach to an issue of their choosing. In other words: What would you do if there were no boundaries? What concern—either here in Baltimore or globally—would you confront if nothing stood in your way? Teams will be given two pages in the March 2008 issue of *Urbanite* to present their projects, as well as space on the Urbanite Project website (urbaniteproject.com). The completion of the project, and the release of the March issue, will be celebrated at a launch party at Center Stage on March 3.

We are proud to present the lineup for this year's Urbanite Project.

Vic Frierson, founder and director of Partners Educating Artists, Composers & Entertainers (The PEACE Project) and executive director of the Park Heights Community Health Alliance, has teamed up with musicians founders of graphic design and typography studio Post Typography **Bruce Willen and Nolen Strals**.

Ivan Leshinsky, executive director of the Chesapeake Center for Youth Development, is working with a **Baltimore School for the Arts senior photography class, led by instructor Merlyn Rosenberg**.

Julie Gabrielli, architect and founder of Gabrielli Design Studio, is partnering with multimedia artist **Joshua Schwartz** and professor in the environmental health department of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health **Ellen Silbergeld**.

Architect **Peter Doo** is collaborating with visual artist **Dana Reifler Amato**.

Tosin Adegbola, professor in the communications department at Morgan State University, is teaming up with program director of Operation Safe Streets **Leon Faruq** and visual artist **Jann Rosen-Queralt**.

Mario Armstrong, technology correspondent for NPR and radio host for WYPR and WEAA, is working with with **Bobbi Macdonald**, founder of City Neighbors Charter School in Northeast Baltimore, and **Aaron Meyers**, philanthropic services coordinator at the Baltimore Community Foundation.

Artist and educator **Mina Cheon** and **Markand Thakar**, music director of the Baltimore Chamber Orchestra, are collaborating.