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Silver Lake's Auburn 7 Seeing the Lake, Through the Trees

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SILVER LAKE—Ana Henton and Gregory Williams of MASS, a local Silver Lake architecture firm, are helping to define contemporary Los Angeles architecture. Their office

Architecture, was licensed in 1992 and then earned an M.A. in Architecture from UCLA in 2000.

The American Institute of Architects voted MASS as

"During our meetings with the clients there was a day of discussions on views," said Henton. "One of the group members lamented that there were no views of the lake while the other contended that the view of trees and hills was better. And then someone (erroneously) said, 'You can't see the lake from the trees'. We all laughed a bit and I thought about what a pretty image that is; it seemed poetic. In our design of the façade we knew we wanted to have some variety."

Economics, site and scale

precluded the shape and floor plan of the units from varying, so, Henton said, they focused, instead, on the design and placement of windows.

The finished project will have two systems: The Lake (horizontal, silver metal sliders) and the Forest (bronze vertical mullions with case-

ment windows).

"These systems are combined differently in each unit, inspired by the idea of looking through a grove of trees trying to see glimpses of the lake," said Henton.

For more information please go to www.mass-arch.com.

A rendering of MASS's Auburn 7 in soon to be completed in Silver Lake.



es are located directly across the street from the original offices of architects Richard and Dion Neutra on Glendale Blvd.

Henton received her M.A. in Architecture from Princeton University and worked with many firms including Frank Gehry Partners. She started her own practice in 2003 and in 2005, she co-founded with Gregory Williams, MASS Architecture & Design.

Williams graduated from UC Berkeley with a B.A. in

one of six emerging firms in Los Angeles in 2006. Henton and Williams' Silver Lake single-family residence project was included on the 2006 LA Modernism Home tour along with homes by modern masters Schindler, Neutra and Lautner.

Next up for MASS is their Auburn 7 project. Located at the corner of Waverly Dr. and Auburn St., seven contemporary single-family hillside residences are soon to be completed.