



# Luis Vidal: 'Encounters'



Spanish architecture firm **luis vidal + architects (LVA)** will bring its innovative architectural exhibition to the AIA Washington Chapter during the Architecture Week 2014.

*Encounters* represents an architectural installation created to discover, explore, and display the work of Spanish practice **luis vidal + architects (LVA)** —a celebration of their vision and main projects over the last ten years, including the soon-to-be-inaugurated Terminal 2 at London's Heathrow Airport, scheduled to open in June 2014.

The exhibition was conceived to create a meditational space in which one may experience the architectural queries and needs of the 21st Century through the critical eye of unconventional architect, Luis Vidal. This is not an architectural exhibition as you have ever seen before. A “vertical garden” planted by hand: the installation (6,000 “flowers”, 80 projects, 18 cities) will take the viewer through a personal journey along the conceptual map of Luis Vidal and his collaborators.

## ABOUT LUIS VIDAL

Luis Vidal studied architecture at the University of Greenwich (London, UK) where he specialized mainly in airports and transport infrastructures and graduated with honors in 1994. In 1995, he was elected the youngest member of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA).

Luis Vidal was project director of the new Terminal T4 for Madrid Barajas Airport, and co-author and director of the new Warsaw International Airport. He has also worked on an additional 24 airport projects. Vidal is the concept and lead architect of the new Terminal 2 at London Heathrow Airport.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

Thu, April 10–  
Sat, May 03, 2014

### Venue

District Architecture Center, 421 7th Street Northwest, Washington, DC 20004

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### Admission

Free. Gallery

hours: Monday–Thursday, 10 am–7pm; Friday, 10 am–5 pm; Saturday, 10 am–2 pm; closed on Sunday.

### More information

[District Architecture Center](#)

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## ABOUT LUIS VIDAL + ARCHITECTS (LVA)

In 2004 Luis Vidal founded luis vidal + architects (LVA). One year later, LVA was awarded first prize in the International Competition for the new Zaragoza International Airport, which was shortlisted for the 2009 Mies Van der Rohe Award and recent prizewinner at the International Tourist Fair 2012 (Fitur) for the airport's AENOR Energy Efficiency Certification.

Since then, LVA has developed more than 80 projects of different scales, many of which have also been recognized with prestigious awards, including the interior design of the Restaurant at Madrid's Reina Sofia Museum (Winner of the Architecture Prize of the City of Madrid for the Best Commercial Establishment, 2005), Can Misses Hospital in Ibiza and Vigo's New Hospital in Galicia (Winner of the Design & Health International Awards 2012 Future Health Project category.)

## ARCHITECTURE WEEK EXHIBITION OPENING RECEPTION & BOOK SIGNING

- [Luis Vidal: Encounters](#), on Wednesday, April 30, from 6 pm to 7:30 pm.
- There is a \$10 fee to [register for Architecture Week](#). No additional charge.
- Mr. Vidal's book will be available for purchase at the signing.