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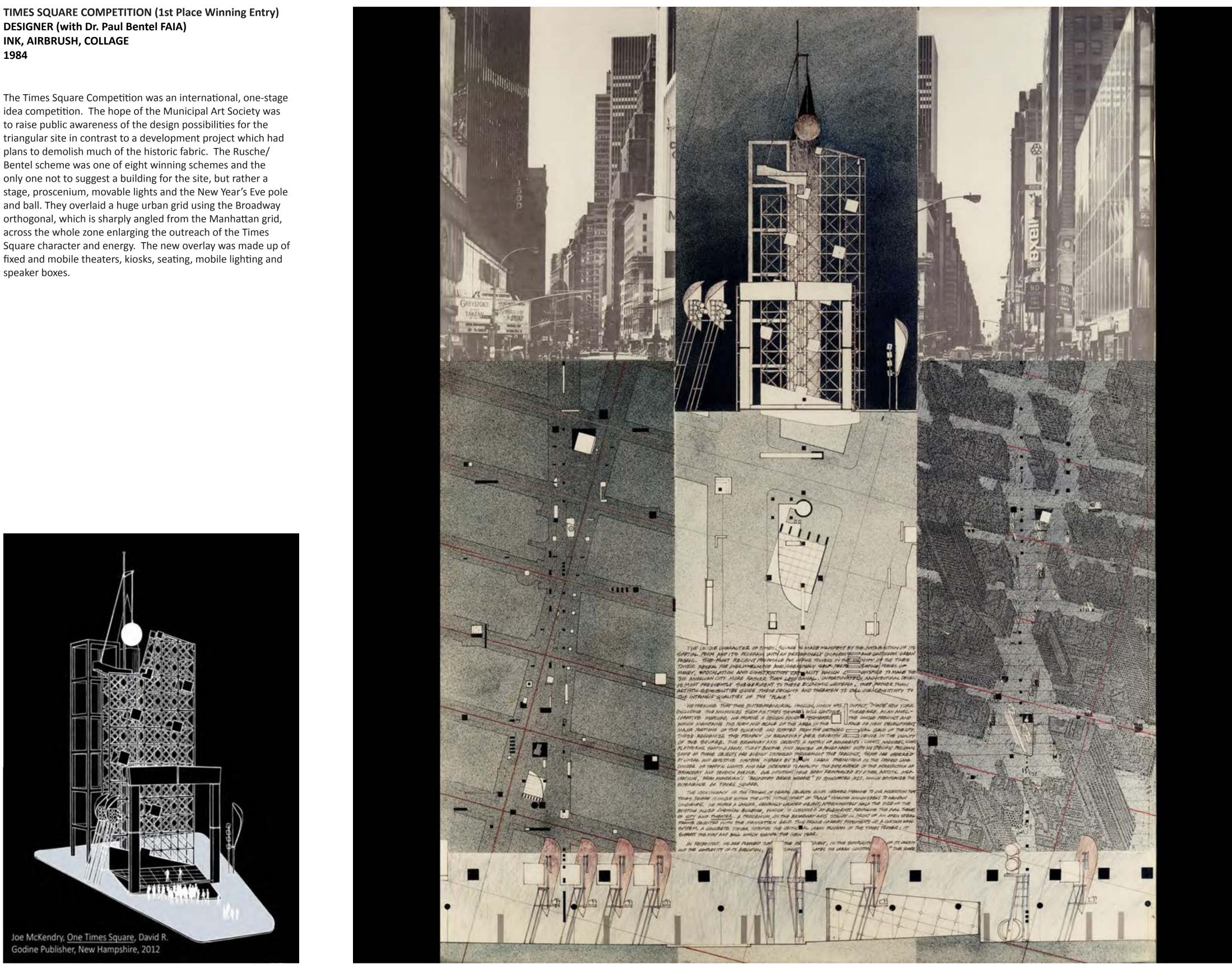
Alumnae

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DESIGNER (with Dr. Paul Bentel FAIA) INK, AIRBRUSH, COLLAGE 1984

The Times Square Competition was an international, one-stage idea competition. The hope of the Municipal Art Society was to raise public awareness of the design possibilities for the triangular site in contrast to a development project which had plans to demolish much of the historic fabric. The Rusche/ Bentel scheme was one of eight winning schemes and the only one not to suggest a building for the site, but rather a stage, proscenium, movable lights and the New Year's Eve pole and ball. They overlaid a huge urban grid using the Broadway orthogonal, which is sharply angled from the Manhattan grid, across the whole zone enlarging the outreach of the Times Square character and energy. The new overlay was made up of fixed and mobile theaters, kiosks, seating, mobile lighting and speaker boxes.



#### BIOGRAPHY

Carol received Distinguished Alumna Award in 1999; bio includes: M. ARCH. NCSU '81 (AIA School Medal), MIT Doctoral Candidate HTC Program 1986; Fulbright Fellow 1985; Fellow of American Academy in Rome 1994; worked for Sarah Harkness at The Architects Collaborative, Massachusetts 1981-3; and Isozaki Associates,

Japan, 1985; 2008 National Chair AIA AWARDS Committee on Design. She is a Professor at Webb Institute and CUNY; previously taught at Harvard, MIT, Georgia Tech, AA London. She is a practicing architect/partner at Bentel & Bentel Architects (since 1986) with design emphasis on authentic materials/modern solutions. She is an author of 1930's modern Italian architecture.

### Awarded 1st prize to Carol Rusche & Paul Bentel from 565 entries representing 47 states and 19 countries. There were eight 1st place winners, each receiving \$2,250.

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