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SYNOPSIS | KANVA started in the second-floor living room of a Montreal apartment on August 15th, 2003, around 10AM. Today, it is an established architectural firm recognized internationally for its creative storytelling and innovative technical skills. The lecture shares a little of what happened (and what didn't happen) in between.

BIO | Rami Bebawi (OAQ MRAIC RBQ) is a co-founder of KANVA, an architecture practice founded with Tudor Radulescu (OAQ LEED PA MRAIC) in 2003. Rami is an active participant in the local, national and international architectural scene, leading many panel discussions, speaking at conferences, participating in juries, mentoring master's students, and engaging in design festivals and outreach programs. Rami has also travelled across Canada lecturing for the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada and internationally sharing the work of the multidisciplinary collective, KANVA.

KANVA is made up of passionate architects and artists whose work is at the forefront of thinking, imagining, drawing and constructing. KANVA demonstrates architecture's transformative power through a range of disciplines and scales. The team treats each project as an opportunity to reshape the built environment through storytelling. Each project is engaging, memorable and responsive to human experience and addresses the contemporary complexities of culture, economy, sustainability and innovation.

The collective's vanguard work has won many prestigious awards, including the 2015 Royal Architectural Institute of Canada Emerging Architectural Practice Award, several Awards of Excellence from RAIC Canadian Architect, Ordre des Architectes du Quebec, and Grands Prix du Design Awards. More recently, they were awarded the professional Prix de Rome by the Canada Council for the Arts and the World Architecture Festival's 'Experimental - Future Projects' award for their Imago project. KANVA has also won the international Space for Life architecture competition to re-imagine the Montreal Biodome Science Museum.

Leading KANVA into its 16th year, Rami remains a dynamic leader who is continually pushing the creative potential of every project. He believes in the promotion of cross-cultural and cross-disciplinary sharing of experiences and knowledge, to create rich narratives and sensitive approaches for every project.

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