

Shigeru Ban: Cardboard Cathedral



In Christchurch's inner city an innovative and symbolic structure has just taken shape: a cardboard cathedral to stand in for the historic building devastated by the earthquakes of September 2010 and February 2011. Signaling the beginnings of renewal in the central business district, the cathedral is the first new civic building completed since the quakes. Shigeru Ban, its designer, is a world-class architect and expert in disaster-zone building and the new transitional cathedral is his largest postdisaster structure to date. In essays, building plans, and specially commissioned photography, *Shigeru Ban: Cardboard Cathedral* tells the story of this remarkable feat. Originally conceived as a temporary building, its construction involved design challenges, structural innovations, and community involvement. This is vital reading for anyone interested in contemporary architecture and for all those looking to what the future might hold for cities after disaster.

Shigeru Ban's ambitious cardboard church will hold 700 people and be able to be erected in a matter of months to help the city with its healing. Shigeru Ban's cardboard cathedral in Christchurch is finally complete, and the first service was held on Sunday August 11th, 2013. Pritzker prize winner architect Shigeru Ban designed a cathedral constructed out of 98 cardboard tubes and shipping containers to act as a cathedral in the New Zealand town of Christchurch, designed by architecture legend Shigeru Ban, serves as a replacement for the original cathedral. Shigeru Ban Architects has received public recognition due to his transitional cardboard cathedral in earthquake-devastated Christchurch. Just like the plans to demolish the original quake-ruined cathedral have experienced numerous setbacks, Ban's Cardboard Cathedral has. The Cardboard Cathedral in Christchurch, New Zealand, is the transitional pro-cathedral of the Anglican Diocese of Christchurch opened in August 2013. It was designed by architect Shigeru Ban and seats around 700 people. Due to its building materials the structure has become known as the cardboard cathedral. It was created by Shigeru Ban who this year won the Pritzker Prize. Shigeru Ban talks about the Cardboard Cathedral nearing completion in Christchurch. A testament to human resilience and sustainability, Christchurch's Cardboard Cathedral was designed by Japanese disaster architect Shigeru Ban following the earthquake. On February 22nd, 2011, Christchurch experienced a devastating earthquake. 185 people lost their lives. More than 80% of buildings in the city were destroyed. A temporary building that is loved by people even one built with mere paper can become permanent. I sense that this monument in Christchurch will be loved. Scheduled to be completed in late April, this cardboard Cathedral designed by Shigeru Ban is a superb response to the devastating earthquake. Japanese architect Shigeru Ban designed the paper-based house of worship, for Christchurch. Foreword by the very reverend Lynda Patterson, Dean of Christchurch Cathedral, commentary by Shigeru Ban, essay by Andrew Barrie and *CARDBOARD CATHEDRAL FURNITURE 2013*. Beginning with the chairs, all 15 furniture items were designed including the desks, pulpit, and altar. Japan-based practice Shigeru Ban Architects has unveiled their proposal for a cardboard cathedral, a

replacement structure for the christ church Rising from the ruins: Shigeru Bans temporary structure speaks hope after the disasterous Christchurch earthquake. Shigeru Ban just cant get enough of paper tubes. The Japanese architect, renowned for his design of structures that 2013 Villa at Sengokubara 2013 KUAD Shigeru Ban Studio 2013 Cardboard Cathedral Christchurch 2013 Tamedia Office Building 2013 M+(Museum Plus)Cardboard Cathedral / ??????. Christchurch, New Zealand / ?????????????????? 2013. The Cathedral collapsed by the shock of the a scale model of the new cardboard christchurch cathedralimage courtesy AFP photo / marty melville. japanese architect shigeru ban designed