June A. Grant, RA, NOMA, is Founder and Design Principal at blink!LAB architecture; a boutique research-based architecture and urban design practice. Launched in 2014, BlinkLAB is based on Ms. Grant’s 20 years experience in architecture, design and urban regeneration of cities and communities. Her design approach rests on an avid belief in cultural empathy, data research and new technologies as integral to design futures and design solutions.

BlinkLAB has three mandates - A commitment to Design Exploration, Advocacy for Holistic Solutions and the Integration of Technology as a central component for a regenerative society.

Because we are designers committed to new forms of making, we prefer to situate ourselves in the middle of catalytic design- where new challenges and emerging opportunities are addressed through multi-layered spatial thinking and exploration about the art of making. Open and collaborative, BlinkLAB is a small multi-disciplinary design studio with projects bridging architectural form, urban economics, urban design, industrial design, furniture and digital fabrication towards the regeneration of cultural and social spaces.

One such project is the design and fabrication of new acoustical wall panels and custom LED light fixtures for the Oakland Public Conservatory of Music, (OPCM), on a restricted budget. Central to the success of this project was our studio’s understanding of design and production alternatives while remaining flexible to achieve OPCM’s overall goal of acquiring a new performance space for music at the base of the historic California Hotel.

Ms. Grant is also the current President of the San Francisco Chapter of the National Organization of Minority Architects (SFNOMA); a twelve year-old organization where members include Architects, Interior Designers, Urban Planners, Landscape Architects, Policy Advocates and Activists implementing the SFNOMA mission: Design to Empower, Educate and foster Economic growth in under-served communities.

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