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The David Ireland House at 500 Capp Street presents
INTENT: a dialogue on values in the intersection of art and architecture

December 8, 2020 at 5pm PST
FREE; online panel discussion

(San Francisco, CA, November 19, 2020)—The David Ireland House at 500 Capp Street hosts a free, online dialogue about the delicate balance between conservation, renovation, and urban use in historic architectural spaces functioning as artistic sites. *INTENT: a dialogue on values in the intersection of art and architecture* brings together artist Felipe Dulzaides, Cuba-based architecture and art studio Infraestudio, and San Francisco-based Steven Huegli of Jensen Architects for a lively discussion, moderated by associate professor Neeraj Bhatia of the California College of the Arts Architecture Program and independent curator Gretel Medina, about their experiences working on art spaces that were formerly domestic environments, including The David Ireland House itself, Centro Bahía and Línea 503 in Havana, and more.

The program is presented in conjunction with the current exhibition of Dulzaides' work *There is no such thing as a perfect circle*, on view at The David Ireland House through December 19, 2020. In it, Dulzaides, who was a close associate of David Ireland, explores subjects of circularity, cultural displacement, chance, dislocation, relocation, and the relationship between architecture and public spaces. Included is Dulzaides' mixed-media installation *Santurio #21*, a work that artfully documents his life-art restoration project, the creation of Centro Bahía, an interdisciplinary art space in Havana, Cuba.

Dulzaides will discuss his project and the way it blurred the hard-edged lines that intersect preservation, urban use, and artistic practice. Architectural group Infraestudio will share their work on Línea 503 in Havana, a structure built in 1888 which was almost untouched until they transformed it into an art center. Steven Huegli of Jensen Architects will share the challenges of working on structures and spaces with embedded culture and environments, including The David Ireland House, Ann Hamilton's *tower*, and Fort Mason Center.

The program takes place on December 8, 2020 at 5pm PST and is free with advanced registration at 500cappstreet.org. A Zoom invitation will be sent with registration.

In addition to this online panel discussion, the House celebrates the final month of Dulzaides' exhibition with a special, limited online release of Dulzaides' *Water Runs*, a video work made

between 1999-2017 that uncovers the history of Cuba’s National Art Schools, built of utopian revolutionary exuberance, but abandoned when their architects fell out of favor with the regime. In the work, Dulzaides gestures to reclaim this space by cleaning the gutters of the school and allowing water to run again. *Water Runs* will be accessible online from December 1 to 19, 2020 only at 500cappstreet.org.

About The David Ireland House

The David Ireland House at 500 Capp Street in San Francisco is the historic home turned work of art created by the late, pioneering conceptual artist David Ireland. The House presents exhibitions and educational programs celebrating Ireland's artistic legacy, and hosts collaborative events to strengthen San Francisco's cultural community—bringing together artists, scholars, teachers, students, and the public—as Ireland's home did during his lifetime.

The House is a member of the Historic Artist Homes and Studios program (HAHS) and has been recognized as a Distinctive Destination by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

General Information

Free Artist Guide-led tours are available by reservation for a maximum of two people from the same appointment booking Wednesdays-Fridays at 2 pm and 4 pm and Saturdays at 10 am, 12 pm, 2 pm and 4 pm. The hour-long tours are limited to just 1-2 guests total to ensure proper social distancing can be maintained throughout The House. Masks and reservations are required for entry.

For more information, the public may visit 500cappstreet.org or call (415) 872-9240. The David Ireland House at 500 Capp Street is located at 500 Capp St., San Francisco, CA.

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