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**Treasures of New York** with *The Real Deal* profiles Architect Costas Kondylis in *Building Stories*, premiering May 2nd on WLIW21 and May 6th on THIRTEEN

*Featuring Donald Trump, Larry Silverstein, Karrie Jacobs, Richard Meier and Kenneth Frampton, the film details the life and work of the city’s most prolific architect.*

In collaboration with *The Real Deal*, **Treasures of New York** reveals the private life and the creative process of Costas Kondylis, an architect who has arguably done more to directly influence the city’s skyline than any other person currently active in New York—business tycoons, major developers and mayors included. Having designed a record number of 86 towers in New York, he once said, “If you don’t have new buildings, a city dies.”

*Building Stories* traces architectural development in New York City over the last 40 years through the eyes of Kondylis. *Building Stories* is produced by Amir Korangy, directed by Toni Comas, and written by Stuart Elliott of *The Real Deal* magazine. Together, they spent more than a year with Kondylis to explore his design philosophy and technical expertise. They also interviewed the preeminent figures of New York City real estate, including development moguls Donald Trump, Larry Silverstein, and Aby Rosen; architecture critics and historians Karrie Jacobs, James Gardner, Francis Morrone, and Kenneth Frampton; and Pritzker Prize-winning architect Richard Meier.

**Treasures of New York: Building Stories** premieres Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at 7 p.m. (ET) on WLIW21 and Sunday, May 6, 2012 at 7 p.m. (ET) on THIRTEEN. Raphael Pi Roman serves as host. After broadcast, the program will be available to national audiences at thirteen.org/treasures-of-ny. The website offers past episodes and conversations with visionaries behind New York’s greatest institutions.

With unprecedented access, **Treasures** goes inside the world of New York City’s most prolific architect. The film follows Kondylis’ career and shows the battle between artistic expression and the bottom line, and gives a critical examination of what it takes to design a building and gain its approval in the high-powered world of New York City real estate. Among Kondylis’ sleek modernist designs is the Trump World Tower. Soaring 866 feet, it was the tallest residential tower in the world when it was built in 2001.

*Building Stories* is a presentation of **Treasures of New York** produced by WLIW21 in association with WNET. The series Executive Producer is Diane Masciale. Producer is Ally Gimbel. Executive-in-Charge of Production is John Servidio.
**Treasures of New York** explores New York’s cultural heritage by spotlighting its points of interest, distinguished establishments and notable figures. The series is a presentation of WLIW21 in association with WNET, the parent company of THIRTEEN and WLIW21, New York’s public television stations and operator of NJTV.

For nearly 50 years, WNET has been producing and broadcasting national and local documentaries and other programs for the New York community.

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