



## **VENELIN KOKALOV** M. ENG

Principal

Venelin Kokalov has been contributing his exceptional concept design abilities and distinctive visual language with the firm over two decades. With a background in both architecture and structural engineering, Venelin led his own successful design practice in Bulgaria prior to emigrating to Canada. Recognized for his intuition and sensitivity to forms, space and composition, he has the unique ability to make architecture work, make it useful, and above all, make it beautiful.

Recently, Venelin led BTA's team to winning prestigious international competitions for the Xiqu Opera House in Hong Kong and the University of Chicago Center Hong Kong. His work and passion can be seen in the completed Surrey City Centre Library, BC, Arena Stage in Washington, DC, the Tarrant County College in Fort Worth, Texas, and most recently the Guildford Aquatic Centre in Surrey.

### **Education**

Master's Degree in Structural Engineering, University of Architecture, Civil Engineering and Geodesy, Sofia, Bulgaria  
 Technician of Architecture, College of Architecture and Construction, Pleven, Bulgaria

### **Project Experience**

SFU Sustainable Energy and Environmental Engineering Building, Surrey, BC  
 MacEwan Centre for Arts and Culture, Edmonton, AB  
 University of Chicago Center in Hong Kong, Hong Kong  
 Binhai Cultural District, Tianjin, China  
 Shijiazhuang Performing Arts Center, Shijiazhuang, China  
 Shenyang Kerry Centre, Shenyang, China  
 David Geffen Hall at Lincoln Center Competition, New York  
 Xiqu Centre, Hong Kong  
 Woodridge Neighbourhood Library, Washington, DC  
 Guildford Aquatic Centre, Surrey, BC  
 Aberdeen Square, Richmond, BC  
 Peiyang Concert Hall, Tianjin, China  
 Arts Commons, Calgary, AB  
 Tarrant County College, Trinity River East Campus, Fort Worth, TX  
 Surrey City Centre Library, Surrey, BC  
 Shui Wan Cun Development, Shenzhen, China  
 Yujiapu Financial District, Tianjin, China  
 Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater, Washington, DC  
 SAIT Polytechnic Parkade, Calgary, AB  
 99 Pender, Vancouver, BC  
 BC-Canada House Entrance Design, Beijing, China  
 London Festival of Architecture, London, England  
 Whistler Celebration Plaza, Whistler, BC  
 SAIT Polytechnic Campus Master Plan, Calgary, AB  
 Sunset Community Centre, Vancouver, BC  
 Trinity Uptown Plan, Fort Worth, TX  
 Acadia Residence, Vancouver, BC