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**LOWER MANHATTAN CULTURAL COUNCIL PRESENTS TALKS
AND TOURS BY RENOWNED SCHOLARS INSIDE STUNNING
SPACES IN NEW YORK'S DOWNTOWN FINANCIAL DISTRICT**

**ACCESS RESTRICTED: CAPITAL OF THE WORLD SERIES (THROUGH APRIL 2009)
ROBERT NEUWIRTH, FEATURED SPEAKER
"UNDER THE TABLE AND OFF THE BOOKS: INFORMAL ECONOMIES IN THE
DEVELOPING CITY – AND YOUR CITY"
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 6:30PM, RSVP REQUIRED, FREE
14 WALL, 14 WALL STREET (BETWEEN BROAD AND NASSAU STREETS)
FOR SERIES SCHEDULE AND TO RSVP VISIT www.lmcc.net/accessrestricted**



New York, NY, February 9, 2009–
**Lower Manhattan Cultural
Council** presents the third event in
its immensely popular **Access
Restricted: Capital of the World**
series with investigative reporter
Robert Neuwirth's talk "**Under
the Table and Off the Books:
Informal Economies in the
Developing City – and Your**

City." Taking place on the 31st floor of 14 Wall, Neuwirth will discuss black, gray, and other alternative markets developed and practiced in various shanty towns and immigrant communities around the world. This landmarked site was the legendary financier J.P. Morgan's former private residence, and most recently existed as a French bar and restaurant.

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LMCC's Access Restricted: *Capital of the World* continues through April 2009 and explores some of the most architecturally significant "temples" built for and by the financial sector. The public will visit five historic private residences, meeting rooms, and penthouses that dot and crown the canyon of Wall Street. Each event in the series will tie a theme to the site, featuring a talk by a distinguished scholar or panel on the relationship between capital and urban development, highlighting how finance shapes our built environment. Admission is free with RSVP; to RSVP and for information and directions visit www.lmcc.net/accessrestricted.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Robert Neuwirth lived in shanty towns across the developing world to write *Shadow Cities: A Billion Squatters, a New Urban World*, arguing that squatting is an ancient and legitimate form of urban development. This work was supported in part by a research and writing grant from the John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. He has written for *The Nation*, *Fortune*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *New York*, *The Village Voice*, and *Wired*. Neuwirth has worked as a business, political, and investigative reporter for a variety of periodicals and television stations, and is currently working on a book about the global reach of informal economy.

ABOUT ACCESS RESTRICTED:

Access Restricted is a free annual nomadic lecture series that opens rarely visited and often prohibited spaces in Lower Manhattan to the general public. Once inside these unique interiors, the audience is treated to a site-specific lecture and discussion addressing a range of topics revolving around issues of architectural history and preservation, social justice, and urban development. The aim of the series is to foster new perspectives by encouraging the public to explore locales and situations through the various lenses of architecture and planning, art, history, sociology, political science, and law. www.lmcc.net/accessrestricted

ABOUT LMCC:

Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, has been a leading voice for arts and culture downtown and throughout Manhattan for 35 years, producing cultural events and promoting the arts through grants, services, advocacy, and cultural development programs. www.lmcc.net

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