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AUSTRALIAN ARCHITECTS SELECT OVER 130 DESIGNS FOR NEW BUILDINGS AND URBAN PLANNING PROJECTS IN THE UNITED STATES AND ABROAD FOR THE 2021 AMERICAN ARCHITECTURE AWARDS

The Nation's Highest Public Award for New Architecture and Urban Planning by the Most Prominent Architecture Firms in the United States Are Honored at a Gala Reception/Dinner During Art Basel in Miami this December 2

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (NOVEMBER 8, 2021) — A new airport in México City by FGP Atelier, a vernacular girls school in Jaisalmer, India by Diana Kellogg, two soaring, abstract sky towers by Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill Architecture, a Ledoux-inspired park by John Marx and Form4 Architecture, an ephemeral dream-like urban open space by Trahan Architects, several houses by Stayner Architects and Woods + Dangan restored back to their 1950's magnificence, two evanescent cubed cultural centers by REX, a new McDonald's flagship at Disneyland by Carol Ross Barney, a heroic restoration of a majestic 19th-Century cathedral by Elkus Manfredi Architects, a powerful poetically-charged tower in Morocco by Morphosis, a new convention center in Miami by Fentress Architects and Arquitectonica, an eye-catching warehouse rehab in New York by Morris Adjimi, a stunning new library in Olathe, Kansas by Gould Evans, a surreal new opera house in Shenzhen by DLR Group, a sleek two-tower scheme for México City by Pininfarina, bold new skyscrapers in New York by Kohn Pedersen Fox, and a stainless-steel castellated new art museum in Oklahoma City by Rand Elliott head an impressive list of awarded buildings and urban planning projects for 2021.

Over 130 buildings from a shortlist of over 400 have won the prestigious 2021 American Architecture Awards® for the best new architecture designed and constructed by American architects and by international architects with offices in the United States.

Now in its 27th year, The American Architecture Awards are organized by The Chicago Athenaeum:

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Museum of Architecture and Design and The European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies—jointly presenting this annual, prestigious program for Design Excellence and for the best and next contributions to innovative contemporary American architecture.

The American Architecture Awards are the nation’s highest and oldest public awards given by a non-commercial, non-trade affiliated, public arts, culture, and educational institution.

“For 27 years, The American Architecture Awards have presented stunning and meticulously-designed projects that demonstrate responses to the wider issues of our time, such as urban integration, placemaking, sustainability, universal access, health and wellbeing, and new technologies,” states Christian Narkiewicz-Laine, architecture critic and Museum President, The Chicago Athenaeum.

“The Australian Jury held up these diverse projects as an optimistic vision of the future and a powerful reminder of ‘the fundamental role of architects in creating humanist structures that last for generations’.”

“As our cities become denser and the nature of work changes, projects in the commercial, institutional, and cultural categories were consistently optimistic and future focused, often with elements of fun, freshness, and flexibility.”

“Our Museum is delighted to take the opportunity during these difficult times to celebrate a rapidly evolving practice of architecture that seeks to better support the communities that they serve,” Narkiewicz-Laine continued.

“In a matter of 27 years, this program has become the single, most important recognition for Design Excellence in the United States, honoring known and celebrated firms, as well as young upstart offices for their smaller scaled, more challenging projects.”

“The 2021 edition of the United States’ most prestigious, peer-reviewed architecture awards highlighted the immense public value architects add to their communities through truly exceptional design.”

This year, entries were reviewed and winners were selected by a prestigious jury composed of the following Australian architects and educators:

- Alexander Tzannes, Director of Tzannes in Sydney
- Paul Jones, Director, Office for Metropolitan Architecture (OMA) Australia in Sydney
- Peter Dean, Principal, Hassell in Perth

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- Peter Dean, Principal, Hassell in Perth
- Ray Brown, CEO, Architectus in Sydney
- Adrian McGregor, Principal, McGregor Coxall

The Awarded American firm and projects for 2021 are:

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Studio Twenty Seven Architecture and Leo A. Daly - The Aya Housing, Washington D.C.

LRS Architects and LEVER Architecture - The Louisa Flowers Affordable Housing, Portland, Oregon

AIRPORTS/TRANSPORTATION CENTERS

FGP Atelier - Felipe Ángeles International Airport, Santa Lucía, Mexico

BRIDGES

Svigals + Partners - Beehive Bridge, New Britain, Connecticut

Payette - Northeastern University Pedestrian Crossing (PedX), Boston, Massachusetts

COMMERCIAL

Walker Warner Architects - House of Flowers, Healdsburg, California

Neumann Monson Architects - 111 East Grand, Des Moines, Iowa

SPF:a - Water's Edge 3, Los Angeles, California

Elkus Manfredi Architects - 401 Park Repositioning, Boston, Massachusetts

Neumann Monson Architects - 111 East Grand, Des Moines, Iowa

Graham Baba Architects - Alaska Airlines Flagship Lounge, Seattle, Washington

CORPORATE

Pickard Chilton - 2+U, Seattle, Washington

HASTINGS Architecture, LLC. - 225 Polk Office Space, Nashville, Tennessee

Kevin Daly Architects and Productora - The Houston Endowment, Los Angeles, California

Morphosis Architects - Casablanca Finance City Tower I Casablanca, Morocco

Dub Architects - The Edge Office Building, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Elkus Manfredi Architects - Pier 4 Office Building, Boston, Massachusetts

HASTINGS Architecture, LLC. - 225 Polk Office Space, Nashville, Tennessee

Form4 Architecture - Verdant Sanctuary, Palo Alto, California

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CULTURE AND MUSEUMS

LMN Architects - *Octave 9: Raisbeck Music Center, Seattle, Washington*

Anderson Anderson Architecture - The Matchstick, San Francisco, California

Rand Elliott Architects - Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Mitchell Giurgola Architects LLP. - BAM Strong, Brooklyn, New York

DLR Group - Shenzhen Opera House Competition, Shenzhen, China

Architecture Research Office - A New Campus for the Rothko Chapel, Houston, Texas

REX - Brown University Performing Arts Center I Providence, Rhode Island

REX - The Ronald O. Perelman Performing Arts Center at the World Trade Center, New York, New York

GOVERNMENT/CIVIC BUILDINGS

Roth Sheppard Architects - Firestone Police Department and Municipal Court, Firestone, Colorado

HGA Architects and Engineers - Derby Line Land Port of Entry, Derby Line, Vermont

HEALTH CARE/HOSPITALS

Yazdani Studio of CannonDesign - Kaiser Permanente Bernard J. Tyson School of Medicine, Pasadena, California

BLUR Workshop - Veterinarian and Animal Care Campus, Atlanta, Georgia

HOK - BioMed Life Sciences Campus, Foster City, California

LS3P Associates - Uganda Women's and Childrens Clinic, Mityana, Uganda

HIGH RISES/SKYSCRAPERS

Goettsch Partners and Hartshorne Plunkard Architecture - One Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Solomon Cordwell Buenz (SCB) - Telegraph Tower, Oakland, California

Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates PC. - Hudson Commons, New York, New York

Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates PC. - One Vanderbilt, New York, New York

Rhode Partners - The Independent, Austin, Texas

Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill Architecture and Adamson Associates Architects - Central Park Tower, New York, New York

Goettsch Partners - 110 North Wacker, Chicago, Illinois

HOTELS/HOSPITALITY

Siegel & Strain Architects - Redwood Visitor Center, Orick, California

Montalba Architects - Whitepod Suites-Chalets, Monthey, Switzerland

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INFRASTRUCTURE

de Leon & Primmer Architecture Workshop - Rowan Pump Station Building Façade, Louisville, Kentucky

INSTITUTIONAL

Sanders Pace Architecture - Loghaven Artist Residency, Knoxville, Tennessee

Aidlin Darling Design - Geneva Car Barn & Powerhouse, San Francisco, California

LEVER Architecture - Oregon Conservation Center, Portland, Oregon

Adjaye Associates - 1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East, New York, New York

Siegel & Strain Architects - Redwood Visitor Center, Orick, California

LIBRARIES

Schwartz/Silver Architects and WHLC Architecture - River Center Branch Library, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

NADAAA - Adams Street Branch Library, Boston, Massachusetts

Gould Evans and Group 4 Architecture - Olathe Indian Creek Library, Olathe, Kansas

MIXED-USE

Trahan Architects - New England Mixed Use Development, New England

MONUMENTS/MEMORIALS

Chee Salette - January 8th Memorial, Tucson, Arizona

Paul Murdoch Architects - Flight 93 National Memorial, Shanksville, Pennsylvania

MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING

Dake Wells Architecture - Pendleton ArtsBlock, Kansas City, Missouri

David Hovey & Associates Architect - Optima Kierland Center, Phoenix, Arizona

David Hovey & Associates Architect - Optima Sonoran Village, Phoenix, Arizona

Solomon Cordwell Buenz (SCB) - The Bristol, West Palm Beach, Florida

Arquitectonica - Oasis Hallandale, Hallandale, Florida

Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill Architecture - Una Residences I Miami, Florida

Pininfarina of America Corp. - Torre Designo, México City, México

Kobi Karp Architecture and Interior Design - Wynwood 25, Miami, Florida

University of Arkansas Community Design - Markham Square Housing District, Conway, Arkansas

archimania – Frontline, Memphis, Tennessee

Tighe Architecture - 2300 Beverly, Los Angeles, California

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Handel Architects LLP - Sendero Verde 100% Affordable Passive House Residences I New York, New York

PRIVATE HOUSES

Salmela Architect - (Re)generation House, St. Paul, Minnesota

MUTUO - Wonderland, Los Angeles, California

Johnsen Schmaling Architects - Kettle Moraine House, Campbellsport, Wisconsin

Robert M. Gurney, FAIA, Architect - Franzen House, Washington D.C.

substance - MC38 Residence, San Francisco, California

Marc Thorpe Design – Edifice, New York, New York

Desai Chia Architecture - The Ledge House, Cornwall, Connecticut

William Kaven Architecture - Royal, Portland, Oregon

EYRC Works - Mighty House, California

Standard - Forest Knoll Residence, Los Angeles, California

David Jameson Architect Inc.- 3131 CBR, Washington, D.C.

David Jameson Architect Inc. - Liminal House, The Plains, Virginia

Montalba Architects - Vertical Courtyard House, Santa Monica, California

Minarc - Almar Residence, Los Angeles, California

Aidlin Darling Design - Art House, San Francisco, California

archimania - Civitas, Memphis, Tennessee

David Jameson Architect Inc. - Casa Madera Cristal, Washington, D.C.

Scott I Edwards Architecture - Slabtown 4, Portland, Oregon

Montalba Architects - Vertical Courtyard House, Santa Monica, California

Alterstudio Architecture - Tarrytown Residence, Austin, Texas

PARKS/PUBLIC SPACES

OLIN - Pier 26 at Hudson River Park, New York, New York

Trahan Architects - Luther George Park, Springdale, Arkansas

Form4 Architecture - Human Convergence, San Jose Light Tower Corporation Design Competition, San Jose, California

RELIGIOUS BUILDINGS

PBDW Architects - Moise Safra Center, New York, New York

Form4 Architecture - Intertwined Eternities, Apotos, California

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RETAIL/SHOWROOMS

Ross Barney Architects and CPH - McDonald's Global Flagship at Walt Disney World Resort, Lake Buena Vista, Florida

FGP Atelier - Ted Gibson Salon, Chicago, Illinois

RESTORATION/RENOVATION

Voith & Mactavish Architects - Carey Law School Silverman Hall Classrooms, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Pei Cobb Freed & Partners - 1271 Avenue of the Americas Recladding and Repositioning, New York, New York

designLAB architects - 485 Broadway Renovation, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Woods + Danganan - Moore House Restoration, Los Feliz, California

MTFA Design + Preservation, PLLC. - Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington D.C.

Morris Adjmi Architects - 520 West 20th Street, New York, New York

Elkus Manfredi Architects - Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston, Massachusetts

DLR Group - Portland Building Renovation, Portland, Oregon

Woods + Danganan - Moore House Restoration, Los Feliz, California

Stayner Architects - The Miles C. Bates House, Palm Desert, California

Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates PC. - The Stephen M. Rosenberg College of Law, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky

Fentress Architects and Arquitectonica - Miami Beach Convention Center Expansion and Renovation, Miami Beach, Florida

SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES

Murray Legge Architecture - Little Tiger Chinese Immersion School, Austin, Texas

Arquitectonica - Lakeside Village Student Housing, University of Miami, Miami, Florida

CannonDesign - Second Student Centre, York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

KieranTimberlake - Anabeth and John Weil Hall, Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri

HOK - BioMed Life Sciences Campus, Foster City, California

Ennead Architects - The Phil and Penny Knight Campus for Accelerating Scientific Impact, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon

ikon.5 architects - L. Gale Lemerand Student Center, Daytona State College, Daytona Beach, Florida

Payette - Lafayette College Rockwell Integrated Sciences Center, Easton, Pennsylvania

EskewDumezRipple - Home Building at Thaden School, Bentonville, Arkansas

Leers Weinzapfel Associates, Modus Studio and Mackey Mitchell Architects - Adohi Hall, Fayetteville, Arkansas

Henning Larsen Architects and KZF Design, Inc. - Carl H. Lindner College of Business, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio

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The Miller Hull Partnership, LLP. - The Hans Rosling Center for Population Health, Seattle, Washington

Christoff:Finio Architecture - Bennington College Commons Renovation, Bennington, Vermont

JGMA and Cannon Design - Richard J. Daley College MTEC, Chicago, Illinois

KieranTimberlake - Henley Hall: Institute for Energy Efficiency, University of California Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, California

William Rawn Associates, Architects, Inc. - Linde Center for Music and Learning, Lenox, Massachusetts

Mitchell Giurgola Architects LLP. - Higgins Engineering & Science Center, The Bronx, New York

NADAAA - RISD North Hall, Providence, Rhode Island

University of Arkansas Community Design - Markham Square Housing District, Conway, Arkansas

SHoP Architects - The National Veterans Resource Center at Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York

Smith-Miller + Hawkinson Architects and Moody Nolan - Energy Advancement and Innovation Center, Columbus, Ohio

Diana Kellogg Architects - The Rajkumari Ratnavati Girl's School, Jaisalmer, India

ARC / Architectural Resources Cambridge - PJM STEM+ Center, Hardwick, Massachusetts

Solomon Cordwell Buenz (SCB) - The Academic and Residential Complex, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Leers Weinzapfel Associates - Center for Engineering, Innovation and Sciences, Boston, Massachusetts

BNIM - Ozark Education Center, Bull Shoals Field Station, Cedar creek, Missouri

URBAN PLANNING/LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

W Architecture and Landscape Architecture LLC. and Wannemacher Jensen Architects - The Pier Approach, St. Petersburg, Florida

The American Architecture Awards, founded 27 years ago, is a centerpiece of The Chicago Athenaeum and the European Centre's efforts to identify and promote best practices in all types of architectural development and to bring a global focus to light of the best new designs from the United States. It is the only national and global program of its kind.

On Friday, December 2, The Chicago Athenaeum will host an Awards Presentation/Gala Dinner at Arquitectonica's new hotel, Mr. C Coconut Grove, 2988 Mcfarlane Road in Miami.

Ticket information is available by contacting The Chicago Athenaeum at +815/777-4444.

All awarded buildings and urban planning projects are presented in (Global Design + Urbanism XXI) New American Architecture published by Metropolitan Arts Press Ltd.

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Books can be purchased by contacting The Chicago Athenaeum or on-line at metropolitanartspress.com.

The deadline for the 2022 American Architecture Awards is February 1, 2022.

Applications for 2022 are available on line at www.chi-athenaeum.org or www.americanarchitectureawards.com.

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NOTE TO REPORTERS AND EDITORS: Photos of the 2021 American Architecture Awards are available for download. For more details on the award and previous winners, visit The Chicago Athenaeum's website at www.chi-athenaeum.org

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