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## **GREEK ARCHITECTS SELECT 66 AMERICAN ARCHITECTURE AWARDS FOR THE BEST NEW BUILDING DESIGN IN THE USA FOR 2008**

AUGUST 15, 2008, Chicago, Illinois. . . The Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design, together with The European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies and Metropolitan Arts Press Ltd., announce sixty-six (66) new distinguished buildings selected this year in the Museum's prestigious "American Architecture Awards®" program for 2008.

Established over 10 years ago, the awards program honors and celebrates the most outstanding new accomplishments for new architecture designed and built in the United States by leading American and international architecture firms practicing in the USA.

"**The American Architecture Awards**" have become the foremost, prestigious awards program for public recognition for Excellence in Architecture in the United States both nationally and internationally. The Awards identify the new cutting-edge design direction, urban philosophy, design approach, style, and intellectual substance in American Architecture today.

The Chicago Athenaeum, founded in the historic city where modern architecture was first realized by Louis H. Sullivan, Frank Lloyd Wright, and Mies van der Rohe, is the only Museum of Architecture and Design in the United States and functions internationally as one of the foremost museums dedicated to both architecture and industrial design.

For "**The American Architecture Awards**" 2008, the Museum received hundreds of submissions from the best and most renowned design firms in the United States and international firms working in the US.

The submissions ranged from new corporate headquarters, skyscrapers, institutions, sports and transportation facilities, airports, urban planning projects, retail stores, hospitals, sacred spaces, and private residences and multi-family housing designed by architects in their countries of origin or abroad for both built and unbuilt projects alike, as of January 1, 2006.

The Awards Program is also open to all international architecture offices and U.S. firms with projects outside the United States, as well as international architecture firms building in the US.

This year's jury for awards took place in Athens, Greece with the participation of noted Greek architectural practitioners, educators, government leaders, and architecture journalists serving as jury members including:

- Maro Kardamitsi-Adami, Architect, and Curator, Neohellenic Archives, Benaki Museum, Athens
- Pavlos Doukas, Architect, Pavlos Doukas Architect, Athens and Former Assistant Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago
- The Honorable Christophe Farnaud, Ambassador, Embassy of France, Athens
- Argyro Konstantinidou, Sculptor / Architectural Consultant, Greece
- Manolis Anastasakis, Architect and Editor, greekarchitects.gr., Athens

The "American Architecture Awards" is curated and organized by Christian K. Narkiewicz-Laine, Director/President, The Chicago Athenaeum and assisted by Lary L. Sommers, Director of Administration/Marketing, The Chicago Athenaeum, and Kieran Conlon, Director/COO, The European Centre for Architecture, Art, Design and Urban Studies, Dublin.

Sixty-six (66) buildings in Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Delaware, Georgia, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Mississippi, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Washington, DC., Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

Additionally, the jury selected skyscrapers and large-planning projects in Austria, Egypt, France, Kazakhstan, Korea, Kuwait, The People's Republic of China, and the United Arab Emirates.

Projects selected include new corporate headquarters, schools and universities, government buildings, memorials, libraries, art museums, foundation headquarters, transit projects, retail facilities, hospitals, residences, and single-family homes.

Skyscrapers and office buildings were selected this year by the Greek jury, signaling an ever-growing European concern for smaller more intimate building types, an awareness of energy conservation and sustainability, and profound respect for the built and human environments as well as abstract shapes that twist, bend, spin, and defy gravity.

All awarded projects can be found on-line at The Chicago Athenaeum's website at [www.chi-athenaeum.org](http://www.chi-athenaeum.org).

"Now in it's second decade as perhaps the most significant awards from for new distinguished buildings in the United States, The Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design and Metropolitan Arts Press Ltd., together with The European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies, have organized this annual Museum program, "**The American Architecture Awards**," as a way in which to draw significant world attention to new buildings and urban planning projects being built and designed globally by the best and most prestigious American architecture offices and design firms," states Christian K. Narkiewicz-Laine.

"The wide geographic distribution of these awards attests to the importance of the program," Mr. Narkiewicz-Laine adds. "There is no one, single program that brings together the latest cutting-edge international architecture today as one cohesive universal representation or platform for American design. Our Museum is honored to provide a focus that allows an exploration and analysis for current stylistic directions and philosophical thinking that is apparent in contemporary design today."

"The program has a unique educational mission and public profile with the intent of promoting and celebrating the latest, most cutting-edge international design to a national and international audience," Mr. Narkiewicz-Laine continues.

The awarded projects for 2008 and other selected works will form an exhibition, "New American Architecture" to

open at SESV Santa Verdiana (piazza Lorenzo Ghiberti 27) in Florence, Italy in November, 2008. The exhibition and awards presentation is organized by the Municipality of Florence and the Faculty of Architecture in Florence.

After, the exhibition travels to The European Centre's new Contemporary Art + Architecture Centre in Athens

In 2009, the exhibition will start a national tour in the United States.

The 2009 deadline for submissions for "**The American Architecture Awards**" is FEBRUARY 1, 2009.

Entry forms are available by calling the Museum at +815/777-4444 or by FAX at +815/777-2471 or on line at [www.chi-athenaeum.org](http://www.chi-athenaeum.org).

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**HERITAGE HALL MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Architects: Elliott + Associates  
Architects  
Client: Heritage Hall School  
Contractor: Smith & Pickel  
Construction

**LYCEUM GATEWAY**

Seaside, Florida  
Architects: WRT-Solomon E.T.C.  
Associate Architects: Duncan & Nequette Architects  
Client: CDG., LLC.  
Contractor: Brasfield & Gorrie

**U.S. COURTHOUSE**

Orlando, Florida  
Architects: Leers Weinzapfel Associates  
Associate Architects: HLM/Heery  
International  
Client: General Services  
Administration-Public Building Service  
Contractor: Hensel Phelps  
Construction Co.

**MOVING MEMORIES  
ARIZONA 9-11 MEMORIAL**

Phoenix, Arizona  
Architects: coLAB studio LLC.  
Associate Architects: Jones Studio, Inc.  
Client: The Arizona 9-11 Memorial  
Commission  
Contractor: McCarthy Buildings  
Companies, Inc.

**UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA MUSEUM  
OF THE NORTH**

Fairbanks, Alaska  
Architects: GDM, Inc.  
Associate Architects: HGA  
Architects and Engineers  
Client: University of Alaska  
Museum of the North  
Contractor: Alaska  
Mechanical Inc.

**ALASKA NATIVE SCIENCE AND  
ENGINEERING PROGRAM FACILITY**

Anchorage, Alaska  
Architects: RIM First People  
Associate Architects: RIM  
Architects  
Client: University of Alaska Anchorage  
Contractors: Davis Constructors &  
Engineers

**APPLE STORE 14TH STREET**

New York, New York  
Architects: Bohlin Cywinski Jackson  
Client: Apple, Inc.

**CAMINO NUEVO HIGH SCHOOL**

Los Angeles, California  
Architects: Daly Genik  
Client: Pueblo Nuevo Charter Academy  
Contractor: Turner Construction  
Company

**GAYLORD-PICKENS OKLAHOMA  
HERITAGE MUSEUM**

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Architects: Elliott + Associates  
Architects  
Client: Oklahoma Heritage Association  
Contractor: Smith & Pickel  
Construction, Inc.

**UNDERGROUND**

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Architects: Elliott + Associates  
Architects  
Client: Downtown OKC., Inc.  
Contractor: Downey Contracting LLC.

**THE NELSON-ATKINS MUSEUM  
OF ART**

Kansas City, Missouri  
Architects: Steven Holl Architects  
Associate Architects: Berkebile Nelson  
Immenschuh McDowell  
Client: The Nelson-Atkins Museum of  
Art  
Contractor: J. E. Dunn Construction  
Company

**156 WEST SUPERIOR  
CONDOMINIUMS**

Chicago, Illinois  
Architects: The Miller/Hull Partnership  
Associate Architects: Studio Dwell Inc.  
Client: Ranquist Development, Inc.  
Contractor: Skender Construction Co.

**MEDEU SPORTS CENTER**

Almaty, Kazakhstan  
Architects: Audrey Matlock Architect  
Client: Capital Partners

**SCHOOL OF ART & ART HISTORY  
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA**

Iowa City, Iowa  
Architects: Steven Holl Architects  
Associate Architects: HLKB Architecture  
Client: University of Iowa  
Contractor: Larson Construction, Co.,  
Inc.

**THE NEW YORK AQUARIUM**

New York, New York  
Architects: Smith-Miller + Hawkinson  
Architects LLP.  
Client: Wildlife Conservation Society

**ACXIOM CORPORATION CENTRAL  
ARKANSAS DATA CENTER**

Little Rock, Arkansas  
Architects: Polk Stanley Rowland  
Curzon Porter Architects Ltd.  
Client: Acxiom Corporation  
Contractor: May Construction Company

**SPERTUS INSTITUTE OF JEWISH  
STUDIES**

Chicago, Illinois  
Architects: Krueck & Sexton Architects  
Associate Architects: VOA Associates,  
Incorporated  
Client: Spertus Institute of Jewish  
Studies  
Contractor: W. E. O'Neil Construction

**1180 PEACHTREE**

Atlanta, Georgia  
Architects: Pickard Chilton Architects  
Associate Architects: Kendall/Heaton  
Associates  
Client: Hines  
Client: National Office Partners Limited  
Partnership LLC.  
Contractor: Turner Construction  
Company

**BOWDOIN COLLEGE MUSEUM OF  
ART**

Brunswick, Maine  
Architects: Machado and Silveti  
Associates  
Client: Bowdoin College  
Contractor: Morley Construction  
Company

**AQUA**

Chicago, Illinois  
Architects: Studio Gang Architects  
Associate Architects: Loewenberg  
Architects  
Client: Magellan Development Group,  
LLC.  
Contractor: McHugh Construction Co.

**BECTON, DICKINSON AND  
COMPANY**

**CAMPUS CENTER**  
Franklin Lakes, New Jersey  
Architects: RMJM Hillier  
Client: Becton, Dickinson and Company  
Contractor: Gilbane Inc.

**ALEXANDRIA EGYPT MASTER PLAN**

Alexandria, Egypt  
Architects: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill  
LLP.  
Client: EMAAR Properties  
Client: Ministry of Culture, Egypt

**INFINITY TOWER**

Dubai, United Arab Emirates  
Architects: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP.  
Client: Cayan Investment & Development  
Contractors: Arabtec Construction LLC.

**THE PARK AT LAKESHORE EAST**

Chicago, Illinois  
Architects: Office of James Burnett  
Associate Architects: Site Design Group  
Client:  
Contractor: McHugh Construction Co.

**GEORGETOWN INCINERATOR**

Washington, D.C.  
Architects: Handel Architects LLP.  
Associate Architects: Shalom Baranes Associates, PC.  
Client: Millennium Partners LP.  
Contractor: Bovis Lend Lease

**SALT POINT HOUSE**

Salt Point, New York  
Architects: Thomas Phifer & Partners  
Client: Cristina Grajales and Isabelle Kirshner  
Contractor: Kevin Beck

**ALVAH H. CHAPMAN JR. GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**

**FLORIDA UNIVERSITY**  
Miami, Florida  
Architects: Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates  
Associate Architects: BEA Architects Inc.  
Client: Florida International University  
Contractor: Centex Construction

**HUDSON RAILYARDS TOWERS**

New York, New York  
Architects: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP.  
Client: Brookfield Properties Inc.  
Structural Engineers: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP.  
Transportation Engineers: Parsons Transportation Group  
Sustainable Design: Buro Happold  
Geotechnical Engineers: Mueser Rutledge Consulting Engineers

**PERFORMING ARTS CENTER CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO**

San Francisco, California  
Architects: LMN Architects  
Client: City College of San Francisco

**THE QUEENS BOTANICAL GARDEN VISITOR AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

Flushing, New York  
Architects: BKSK Architects  
Client: Queens Botanical Garden  
Contractors: Ideal Construction

**OVERATURE CENTER**

Madison, Wisconsin  
Architects: Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects  
Associate Architects: Potter Lawson & Flad Architects, LLC.  
Client: The Overature Development Corporation  
Contractor: J. H. Findorff & Son, Inc.

**CARNIVAL CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS**

Miami, Florida  
Architects: Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects  
Client: Miami Dade County  
Contractor: PACB J/V (Odebrecht Construction, Inc.; EllisDon Construction; and The Haskell Co.)

**MONTECITO RESIDENCE**

Santa Barbara, California  
Architects: Olson Sundberg Kundig Allen  
Client: Withheld  
Contractor: Young Construction, Inc.

**THE REECE SCHOOL**

New York, New York  
Architects: Platt Byard Dovell White Architects LLP.  
Client: The Reece School  
Contractor: The Stegla Group, Inc.

**KELLY RESIDENCE**

Los Angeles, California  
Architects: Abramson Teiger Architects  
Client: Caroline and Kevin Kelly  
Contractor: 44 West Construction, Inc.

**OLYMPIC SCULPTURE PARK**

Seattle, Washington  
Architects: Weiss/Manfredi  
Client: Seattle Art Museum  
Contractor: Sellen Construction Co.

**AVRA VERDE**

Tucson, Arizona  
Architects: Tuck Joy Architects  
Client: Saguaro National Park

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART**

Ann Arbor, Michigan  
Architects: Allied Works Architecture  
Associate Architects: I.D.S.  
Client: University of Michigan Museum of Art  
Contractor: Skanska USA Building Inc.

**TRANSBAY TRANSIT CENTER: TERMINAL AND TOWER**

San Francisco, California  
Architects: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP.  
Client: Rockefeller Group Development Corporation  
Contractor: Turner Construction Company

**MAKE IT RIGHT**

New Orleans, Louisiana  
Architects: Trahan Architects  
Client: Brad Pitt

**CHURCH OF THE HIGHLANDS**

Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
Architects: Trahan Architects  
Client: Church of the Highlands

**WORLD BUSINESS CENTER BUSAN**

Busan, Korea  
Architects: Asymptote Architecture  
Associate Architects: Junglim Architecture  
Client: Solomon Group  
Structural Engineers: Ove Arup + Partners  
Landscape Architects: Balmori Associates Inc.

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN ART + ARCHITECTURE BUILDING ADDITION**

Ann Arbor, Michigan  
Architects: The Miller/Hull Partnership LLP.  
Associate Architects: A3C Collaborative  
Client: University of Michigan, Taubman College of Architecture + Urban Planning

**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE MARINE CORPS**

Quantico, Virginia  
Architects: Fentress Architects  
Client: Marine Corps Heritage Center  
Contractor: Balfour Beatty plc.

**TYROL TOWER**

Wörgl, Austria  
Architects: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP.  
Client: AMB Invest GmbH

**COLORADO CONVENTION CENTER  
PHASE II EXPANSION**

Denver, Colorado  
Architects: Fentress Architects  
Associate Architects: The Abo Group  
Client: City and County of Denver  
Contractor: Hensel Phelps Construction Co.

**SANTA MONICA CIVIC CENTER  
PARKING STRUCTURE**

Santa Monica, California  
Architects: Moore Ruble Yudell Architects and Planners  
Associate Architects: International Parking Design  
Client: City of Santa Monica  
Contractor: ARB, Inc.

**WATER + LIFE MUSEUMS CAMPUS**

Hemet, California  
Architects: Lehrer + Gangi Design + Build  
Client: The Center for Water Education  
Client: Western Center for Archaeology and Paleontology  
Contractor: Lehrer + Gangi Design + Build

**OHR O'KEEFE MUSEUM**

Biloxi, Mississippi  
Architects: Gehry Partners LLP.  
Associate Architects: Guild Hardy Architects PA.  
Client: Ohr O'Keefe Museum

**UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS  
CASE MEDICAL CENTER CANCER  
HOSPITAL**

Cleveland, Ohio  
Architects: Canon Design  
Client: University Hospitals of Cleveland

**WALDORF ASTORIA CHICAGO  
HOTEL AND RESIDENCES  
EAST**

Chicago, Illinois  
Architects: DeStefano & Partners  
Client: The Fordham Company  
Contractor:

**NORMANDY AMERICAN  
CEMETERY VISTOR CENTER**

Normandy, France  
Architects: SmithGroup  
Associate Architects: John Lampros Architectes SARL  
Client: American Battle Monuments Commission  
Contractor: American Battle Monuments Commission

**AL HAMRA FIRDOUS TOWER**

Kuwait City, Kuwait  
Architects: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP.  
Associate Architects: Al-Jazera Consultants  
Client: Al Hamra Real Estate Development LLC.  
Contractors: Stanley Consultants, Inc.

**CITY SANTA FE FOUR  
SEASONS AND RESIDENCES**

Santa Fe, New Mexico  
Architects: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP.  
Associate Architects: Izquierdo Ingenieros Y Asociados, S.C.  
Client: GICSA

**HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL  
AIRPORT TERMINAL 2 AND  
SKYPLAZA**

Hong Kong, PRC  
Architects: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP.  
Associate Architects: Aedas Limited  
Client: Hong Kong Airport Authority  
Consultant: Maunsell Consultants Asia Ltd.  
Structural and MEP Engineers: Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Limited  
Landscape Architects: EDAW

**BEIJING FINANCE STREET**

Beijing, PRC  
Architects: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP.  
Client: Financial Street Holding Co., Ltd.

**COMMUNITY ROWING BOATHOUSE**

Boston, Massachusetts  
Architects: Anmahian Winton Architects  
Client: Community Rowing, Inc.  
Contractor: Consigli Construction Co., Inc.  
Structural Engineers: Richmond So Engineers, Inc.  
Waterfront Structural Engineers: Childs Engineers Corporation, Inc.  
Landscape Architects: Stantec Inc.

**THE NEW BEIJING POLY PLAZA**

Beijing, China  
Architects: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP.  
Client: China Poly Group Corporation

**SCIENCE BUILDING**

Cambridge, Massachusetts  
Architects: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP.  
Client: Harvard University  
Contractor: Bond Brothers, Inc.

**TREE HOUSE**

Wilmington, Delaware  
Architects: Sander Architects, LLC.  
Client: Leslie Sander  
Contractor: Boss Enterprises  
Engineers: CSWST2

**GLENSTONE MUSEUM**

Potomac, Maryland  
Architects: Gwathmey Siegel & Associates Architects LLC.  
Client: Withheld  
Structural Engineers: Severud Associates Consulting Engineers P.C.  
Contractor: Lifecraft, Inc.  
Civil Engineering: A. Morton Thomas and Associates, Inc.

**WESTMINSTER ROSE CENTER**

Westminster, California  
Architects: CO Architects  
Client: City of Westminster  
Contractor: C. W. Driver  
Structural Engineers: Martin & Associates  
Landscape Architects: Whitin Design

**GRAND TETON DISCOVERY AND  
VISITOR CENTER**

Moose, Wyoming  
Architects: Bohlin Cywinski Jackson  
Client: National Park Service  
Contractor: Intermountain Construction Inc.

**NASHVILLE PUBLIC SQUARE**

Nashville, Tennessee  
Architects: Tuck-Hinton Architects  
Associate Architects: WRT, LLC.  
Client: Metro Nashville Government  
Contractor: Brasfield-Gorrie  
Structural/Parking Engineers: Walker Parking Consultants  
Engineers: Barge, Waggoner, Sumner & Cannon  
Landscape Architects: Hawkins Partners, Inc.

**LAKE FRONT RESIDENCE**

Lake Bluff, Illinois  
Architects: Booth Hansen Associates  
Client: Mr. and Mrs. J. Otter

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
AGENCY, REGION 8 HEADQUAR-  
TERS**

Denver, Colorado

Architects: Zimmer Gunsul Frasca

Architects LLP.

Associate Architects: Opus Architects &  
Engineers, Inc.

Client: Environmental Protection

Agency

Contractor: Opus Northwest LLC.