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## **GERMAN ARCHITECTS SELECT 64 AMERICAN ARCHITECTURE AWARDS FOR THE BEST NEW U.S. BUILDING AND URBAN DESIGNS FOR 2009**

OCTOBER 30, 2009, 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-four (64) new distinguished buildings, interiors, urban planning projects, and landscape architecture selected this year in the Museum's prestigious "**American Architecture Awards®**" program for 2009.

Established in the 1990s, the awards program honors and celebrates the most outstanding new achievements and innovation 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 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 world museums dedicated to both architecture and industrial design.

For "**The American Architecture Awards**" 2009, the Museum received hundreds of submissions by the best and most renowned design firms in the United States and international firms working in the U.S.

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 American architects at home or abroad for both built and unbuilt projects alike, as of January 1, 2007.

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

This year's jury for awards took place in Stuttgart, Germany with the participation of noted German architecture and design practitioners serving as jury members including:

- David H. Cook, Chairman of the Jury and Partner, Behnisch Architekten, Stuttgart, Germany
- Uwe F. Brückner, Atelier Brückner GmbH., Stuttgart, Germany
- Marcus Fischer, Head of Corporate Design, FESTO AG., Esslingen, Germany
- Karim Antonine Habib, Senior Manager Advanced Design Germany, Mercedes-Benz Cars Development, Daimler AG., Sindelfingen, Germany
- Dieter Hermann, Hermann + Bosch Freie Architekten BDA, Stuttgart, Germany

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-four (64) buildings and urban planning projects in Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, and Washington.

Additionally, the jury selected a bridge and corporate office tower in Dubai; a university in Angola; a museum in Mexico; an airport in Ireland; an urban planning project in Toronto and a house in rural Canada; a new city in Foshan, China; a corporate headquarters in Switzerland; and a pavilion in Taipei, Taiwan.

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

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

"We had the great opportunity to award the best choice of submission's to this year's annual American Architecture Awards," states Markus Fischer, Head of Corporate Design, FESTO AG. "I was keenly impressed by the quality and creativity of today's architecture in the United States. We saw amazing architecture especially by young, emerging American architects. The wide range of projects from designs for interiors to skyscrapers and from urban planning projects to fine exhibition concepts were incredible."

"I was surprised by the variety of styles in American Architecture today," adds Karim Habib, Senior Manager Advanced Design Germany, Mercedes-Benz Cars Development, Daimler AG. "It is clear," he continues, "that through this variety there does not seem to be one principal or dominating school of thought. The large amounts of private houses might explain a rather small amount of what might be called 'experimental architecture' today. Most important, I was astonished to see very little architecture that was simply out there to impress."

"The enormous diversity in American Architecture," states Dieter Herrmann, Herrmann + Bosch Architekten, "and the high level of architectural quality was a revelation. To find the best in what was submitted, the jury was more interested in discussions concerning the problems of the environment, social context, technical and constructive solutions, the responsible use of energies, and the sensitive use of materials. In the end, there were many interesting examples in what was submitted and finally awarded."

"Most interesting was the fresh approach by the younger generation of American architects and the emerging new architecture firms in the U.S.," Mr. Herrmann continued.

"I think it is a fantastic idea to judge so many projects and to give so many awards," states Mr. Habib. "I am always in awe of the ability of the architect to change the user's environment and the perception of the world around him."

"American Architecture is getting greener, more sustainable, innovative and diverse," concludes Mr. Fischer.

"The housing projects in New Orleans were amazing," he added. "They combine a higher quality of living standard with the demand for affordable costs in an innovative way. This seems to be an important characteristic for living in urban surrounds in the future."

The awarded projects for 2009 forms an exhibition, "New American Architecture" to open at Contemporary Space Athens (46-48 Megalou Vassiliou, Rouf-Athens, Greece) in February, 2010. After Greece, the exhibition will start a national tour in the United States.

The 2010 deadline for submissions for "**The American Architecture Awards**" is **FEBRUARY 1, 2010**.

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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**HAUNCH OF VENISON GALLERY**

New York, New York  
Architects: Steven Learner Studio  
Client: Haunch of Venison  
Contractor: The Sweet Construction Group

**PRD845**

Phoenix, Arizona  
Architects: Studio Ma, Ltd.  
Client: Greenroof Development, llc.  
Contractor: Rockland Builders Incorporated

**HOCKESSIN PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Hockessin, Delaware  
Architects: ikon.5 architects  
Client: New Castle County Delaware  
Contractor: Wohlsen Construction Company

**CAMPUS COMMONS AT THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK**

New Paltz, New York  
Architects: ikon.5 architects  
Client: State University of New York at New Paltz  
Contractor: Niram, Inc.

**MARIN HORIZONTAL SCHOOL**

Mill Valley, California  
Architects: Mark Cavagnero Associates  
Client: Marin Horizontal School  
Contractor: BBI Construction

**TRINITY SCHOOL EXTENSION**

Melno Park, California  
Architects: Mark Cavagnero Associates  
Client: Trinity School  
Contractor: Plant Construction Company

**MANHATTAN ROOFTOP DUPLEX**

New York, New York  
Architects: Shelton, Mindel & Associates  
Client: Mr. Stuart and Ms. Haley Boesky

**RIDGE HOUSE**

Rural Canada  
Architects: Bohlin Cywinski Jackson  
Client: Withheld

**LILY LAKE RESIDENCE**

Dalton, Pennsylvania  
Architects: Bohlin Cywinski Jackson  
Client: Withheld  
Contractor: Breig Brothers, Inc.

**SHEIKH RASHID BIN SAEED CROSSING**

Dubai, United Arab Emirates  
Architects: FXFOWLE Architects  
Clients: RTA Roads and Transport Authority

**SAP AMERICA**

Newtown Square, Pennsylvania  
Architects: FXFOWLE Architects  
Client: SAP America  
Contractor: Gilbane Construction Company

**CAR PARK ONE AT CHESAPEAKE**

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Architects: Elliott + Associates Architects  
Client: Chesapeake Energy Corporation  
Contractor: Smith & Pickel Construction, Inc.

**POPS**

Arcadia, Oklahoma  
Architects: Elliott + Associates Architects  
Clients: POP, L.P.  
Contractor: Smith & Pickel Construction, Inc.

**B'NAI ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE**

Rochester, Minnesota  
Architects: HGA Architects and Engineers  
Client: B'nai Israel Synagogue  
Contractor: Alvin E. Benike, Inc.

**THE BRIDGE HOMELESS ASSISTANCE CENTER**

San Antonio, Texas  
Overland Partners Architects  
Architects: CamargoCopeland Architects LLP.  
Client: City of Dallas  
Contractor: Satterfield & Pontikes Construction, Inc.

**THE ROLLING HUTS**

Mazama, Washington  
Architects: Olson Sundberg Kundig Allen Architects  
Client: Mr. Michael Friedrich

**OUTPOST**

Idaho  
Architects: Olson Sundberg Kundig Allen Architects  
Client: Mr. Jan Cox

**ART VAULT**

Miami, Florida  
Architects: Oppenheim Architecture+Design LLP.  
Client: Aremundi & Co., Inc.

**ENEA HEADQUARTERS**

Schmerikon, Switzerland  
Architects: Oppenheim Architecture+Design LLP.  
Associate Architects: Huesler Architekten  
Client: Enea GmbH

**SAVA POOL FACILITY**

San Francisco, California  
Architects: Mark Cavagnero Associates with Paulett Taggart Architects  
Client: Recreation and Park Department, City of San Francisco  
Contractors: West Bay Builders

**SOUNDSCUPTURE**

Taipei, Taiwan  
Architects: STRURE  
Client: Department of Cultural Affairs, City of Taipei

**HABITAT 825**

West Hollywood, California  
Architects: LOHA Lorcan O'Herlihy Architects  
Client: Habitat Group Los Angeles, LLC.  
Contractors: Archetype, Inc.

**CENTENNIAL MILLS**

Portland, Oregon  
Architects: Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle, Ltd.  
Client: LAB Holding, LLC.

**355 11th STREET**

San Francisco, California  
Architects: Aidlin Darling Design  
Client: Matarozzi/Pelsinger Builders  
Contractors: Matarozzi/Pelsinger Builders

**COUFFOU COTTAGE**

Michigan City, Indiana  
Architects: Brininstool + Lynch, Ltd.  
Contractors: Mulcahy Builders

**TSAI RESIDENCE**

Ancram, New York  
Architects: HHF architects + Ai Weiwei  
Client: Mr. Chistopher Tsai  
Contractors: Robert Reed Construction

**MATRIX GATEWAY**

Dubai, United Arab Emirates  
Architects: Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill  
Architecture  
Client: Meraas Development

**AL SHARQ TOWER**

Dubai, United Arab Emirates  
Architects: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill  
LLP.  
Associate Architects: Khatib & Alami  
(K&A)  
Client: Al Sharq Investment

**INLAND STEEL BUILDING  
RESTORATION**

Chicago, Illinois  
Architects: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill  
LLP.  
Client: Capital Properties LP.

**AUTODESK CUSTOMER BRIEFING  
CENTER**

Lake Oswego, Oregon  
Architects: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill  
LLP.  
Associate Architects: Group Mackenzie  
Client: Autodesk  
Contractors: Lease Crutcher Lewis  
Builds

**CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE LIGHT**

Oakland, California  
Architects: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill  
LLP.  
Associate Architects: Kendall/Heaton  
Associates, Inc. (Architects of Record)  
Client: Catholic Diocese of Oakland  
Contractors: Webcor Builders

**THE FOSHAM DONGHUALI  
MASTER PLAN**

Foshan, China  
Architects: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill  
LLP.  
Client: Shui On Properties Limited

**DUBLIN AIRPORT PIER-D  
ENVIRONMENTAL GRAPHICS**

Dublin, Ireland  
Architects: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill  
LLP.  
Client: Dublin Airport Authority  
Contractors: Laing O'Rourke

**UNIVERSIDADE AGOSTINHO NETO**

Luanda, Angola  
Architects: Perkins + Will  
Associate Architects: Dal Al-Handasah  
(Shair & Partners)  
Client: The Ministry of Public Works  
Client: The Ministry of Education  
Client: Universidade Agostinho Neto

**BUMPER CROP**

Scottsdale, Arizona  
Architects: The Miller Hull Partnership  
Client: Scottsdale Museum of Contem-  
porary Art

**MIR HOUSE**

New Orleans, Louisiana  
Architects: GRAFT Architekten  
Associate Architects: John C. Williams  
Architects, LLC.  
Client: Make it Right Foundation  
Contractors: Haven Custom Homes

**WRITER'S STUDIO**

Ghent, New York  
Architects: Wendy Evans Joseph  
Architecture  
Client: Dr. Jeffrey Ravetch  
Contractors: Ramanchuk and Sons

**SCULPTURE BUILDING AND  
GALLERY**

New Haven, Connecticut  
Architects: KieranTimberlake  
Client: Yale University  
Contractors: Shawmut Design and  
Construction

**THE REECE SCHOOL**

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

**CELLOPHANE HOUSE**

New York, New York  
Architects: KieranTimberlake  
Client: The Museum of Modern Art  
Contractors: One Kullma Corporate  
Campus

**PS 70X**

Bronx, New York  
Architects: Macrae-Gibson Architects  
Client: NYC SCA  
Contractors: Arena Construction

**UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI  
CARE/CRAWLEY BUILDING**

Cincinnati, Ohio  
Architects: STUDIOS Architecture  
Associate Architects: Harley Ellis  
Devereaux (Architect of Record)  
Client: University of Cincinnati  
Contractors: The Dick Corporation

**SHELDON GATEHOUSE**

Cie Elum, Washington  
Architects: Bohlin Cywinski Jackson  
Client: Withheld  
Contractors: Cambridge Custom Homes

**APPLE STORE BOYLSTON STREET**

Boylston, Massachusetts  
Architects: Bohlin Cywinski Jackson  
Client: Apple Inc.  
Contractor: Shawnut Design and  
Construction

**OPTIMA CAMELVIEW VILLAGE**

Scottsdale, Arizona  
Architects: David Hovey & Associates  
Architect, Inc.  
Client: Optima Camelview Village LLC.  
Contractors: Optima Construction, Inc.

**TRAIL RESTROOM**

Austin, Texas  
Architects: Miró Rivera Architects  
Client: Trail Foundation  
Contractors: Architectural Engineers  
Collaborative

**PANEL HOUSE**

Venice, California  
Architects: David Hertz, FAIA, Architects  
Inc., Studio of Environmental  
Architecture  
Client: Mr. Thomas Ennis  
Contractors: Ron Senso Construction

**ARABIAN LIBRARY  
SCOTTSDALE PUBIC LIBRARY**

Scottsdale, Arizona  
Architects: richärd+brauer  
Client: Scottsdale Public Library, City of  
Scottsdale  
Contractors: Redden Construction, Inc.

**ARKELL MUSEUM**

Canajoharie, New York  
Architects: designLAB architects  
Associate Architects: Ann Beha  
Architects  
Client: Arkell Museum

**GOWANUS CANAL SPONGE PARK**

Brooklyn, New York  
Architects: dlandstudio  
Client: Gowanus Canal Conservancy

**PORCHSCAPES: AN AFFORDABLE  
LEED FOR NEIGHBORHOOD  
DEVELOPMENT**

Fayetteville, Arkansas  
Architects: UA Community Design  
Center  
Client: Habitat for Humanity of  
Washington County

**BROCHSTEIN PAVILION AT RICE  
UNIVERSITY**

Houston, Texas  
Architects: Thomas Pfifer and Partners  
Landscape Architects: The Office of  
James Burnett  
Client: Rice University  
Contractors: Linbeck Group, LLC.

**CONGA ROOM**

Los Angeles, California  
Architects: Belzberg Architects  
Client: Apex Realty  
Contractors: Winters-Schram  
Associates

**INNER CITY ARTS**

Los Angeles, California  
Architects: Michael Maltzan Architecture  
Client: Inner City Arts

**HORNO3: MUSEO DEL ACERO**

Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico  
Architects: Grimshaw Architects  
Associate Architects: Oficina de  
Arquitectura  
Client: Museo del Acero A.C.  
Contractors: (Aconsa) Asesoría y  
Consultoría S.A.U.

**STORAGE BARN**

Washington, Connecticut  
Architects: Gray Organschi Architecture  
Client: Catalpa Management  
Contractors: Catalpa Management

**MESA'S EDGE**

Hotchkiss, Colorado  
Architects: Bone Levine Architects  
Client: Mr. and Ms. Dan and Lisa Malloy  
Contractors: Steve Rubick General  
Contractor

**MAPPING IDENTITY: RECOVERING  
AN URBAN LANDSCAPE**

Smoketown, Kentucky  
Architects: Marilyns R. Nepomechie  
Architect  
Associate Architects: Marta Canaves  
Landscape Design  
Client: College of Design, University of  
Kentucky  
Client: Bates Memorial Church  
Client: City of Louisville Metro Housing  
Authority/LMHA  
Client: Kentucky Housing Corporation/  
KHC  
Client: The John R. Groves Housing  
Fellowship, University of Kentucky

**TKTS BOOTH AND REVITAL**

New York, New York  
Architects: Perkins Eastman  
Client: Times Square Alliance  
Contractors: D Haller Inc.

**WANDERING ECOLOGIES:  
TORONTO'S LOWER DON LANDS**

Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
Architects: Weiss/Manfredi  
Architects: DTAH Du Toit Allsopp Hillier  
Client: Toronto Waterfront Revitalization  
Corp.

**TOWN HOUSE**

Washington, District of Columbia  
Architects: Robert Gurney Architect  
Client: Withheld

**BEIJING NOODLE NO. 9**

Las Vegas, Nevada  
Architects: Bergman, Walls &  
Associates  
Interior Designer: Design Spirits Co.,  
Ltd.  
Client: Harrahs/Caesars Palace  
Contractors: Thor Construction

**CALIFORNIA COLLEGE OF THE  
ARTS GRADUATE CENTER**

San Francisco, California  
Architects: Jensen Architects/Jensen &  
Macy Architects  
Client: California College of the Arts  
Contractors: Oliver & Company

**TWIN OAKS**

San Mateo, California  
Architects: Steinberg Architects  
Clients: Lebherz Ventures, LLC.  
Clients: Mr. Regan Lebherz  
Client: Mr. Ankey Minoux  
Developer: Byrd Development, LLC.  
Developer: Satyan Sangani

**SOUTH STREET SEAPORT  
RE-DEVELOPMENT**

New York, New York  
Architects: SHoP Architects PC.  
Client: General Growth Properties  
Structural Engineers: Severud  
Associates  
MEP Engineers: AKF Engineers  
Civil Engineers: Langan Engineers  
Landscape Architects: Field Operations  
Lighting Consultant: Fisher Marantz  
Stone