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CANADIAN ARCHITECTS SELECT 45 NEW BUILDINGS AND URBAN PLANNING PROJECTS AS THE BEST NEW ARCHITECTURE IN THE UNITED STATES FOR 2011

SEPTEMBER 1, 2011....Vancouver, British Columbia, CanadaSix eminent Canadian architects, urban planners, and educators convened at the School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, University of British Columbia to select the winners of the prestigious American Architecture Awards for 2011.

Organized annually by The Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design and The European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies, The American Architecture Awards are the highest and most esteemed recognition for the best new building design produced by leading architects, urban planners, and landscape architects in the United States.

The 45 selected projects and the architecture firms behind them represent exceptional work by architects practicing in the United States in four categories: interiors, architecture, un-built work and urban design. Each winning project was chosen for its exemplary originality, highest aesthetic criteria, and contribution to the Green movement. The criteria used by the jury included design quality, program resolution, innovation, thoughtfulness and technique. Projects had to be completed by architects/designers as of 2009, including practitioners either practicing or having offices in the United States.

All winning work for 2011 will be exhibited at, "New World Architecture," which takes place at the XIII BA11-International Biennial of Architecture Buenos Aires. The exhibition takes place at Centro Cultural Recoleta at Junin 1930 (C.P. 1113) Buenos Aires.

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The exhibition, which opens October 8 and continues through October 31, is under the auspices of the Government of the City of Buenos Aires.

After the showing in Argentina, the exhibition is scheduled to travel throughout Europe in 2011-2012.

The awards program is organized and curated by Christian K. Narkiewicz-Laine, Museum President, The Chicago Athenaeum.

For the 2011 program, there were a record numbers entries in various categories. Approximately 400 submissions made the final-cut. The jury in Vancouver examined the short-list and made their final selection.

“Competition was fierce, and we were thrilled by the results,” said Mr. Narkiewicz-Laine. “The breadth and depth of the winning projects proves just how resilient and creative the American architecture community remains, despite the recession.”

“The results of this year’s program,” states Kieran Conlon, Director/COO, The European Centre, “is most impressive—new skyscrapers, new retail complexes, new urban plans, new religious structures that are of the highest artistic caliber and visionary aesthetic direction in today’s contemporary American design.”

The Canadian jury was comprised of Vancouver’s top architecture offices:

- Roger Hughes, Hughes Condon Marler Architects
- Patricia Paktau, Paktau Associates
- Alec Smith, Shape Architecture
- Matthew Soule, Matthew Soules Architecture, Inc.
- Rui Nunes, Henriquez Partners Architects, Urban Designers
- Leslie Van Duzer, Director, The School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, University of British Columbia

THE BEST OF THE AMERICAN BEST FOR 2011

The jury gave 45 awards to new American skyscrapers, corporate headquarters, museums, art galleries, health care facilities, parks and city planning projects, commercial and retail buildings, housing, private residences, religious

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structures, social housing, mausoleums, exhibitions, energy facilities, courthouses, civic buildings, schools and universities, zoos, and green programs.

The projects, both built and to be built, are in the following American cities: Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, New York, Oahu, Oklahoma City, Providence, Raleigh, Tampa, Tempe (AZ), Three Oaks (MI), San Francisco, Scarsdale (NY), Springdale (AR), Washington, DC., and Woodside (CA).

Other buildings and urban planning projects, designed by American architects, are built or in the planning stages in foreign locations: Anyang (South Korea), Athens, Chongqing (China), Dubai, Hamburg, Milan, Paris, Seoul, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Sydney, and Tokyo.

The New York architecture firm of Thomas Phifer and Partners won five awards for a new museum, medical facility, and three stunning residential designs. Pei Cobb Freed & Partners won two awards for their new Palazzo Lombardia in Milan and a hospital in New York. Bohlin Cywinski Jackson won two awards for a new gallery in Oahu, Hawaii and a residence in Woodside, California.

Tall, sleek, and majestic skyscrapers were also awarded to Skidmore, Owings & Merrill for the Chongqing River Tower in China; Fentress Architects for Dubai Towers; Richard Meier for Coffee Plaza in Hamburg, Germany; and Steven Holl Architects for their Horizontal Skyscraper-Vanke Center in Shenzhen.

“These buildings and urban designs awarded for 2011,” states Mr. Narkiewicz-Laine, “provide an interesting perspective and vision for how American architects aspire to shape international living, working, and recreational environments and seek ever better answers to the challenges of our world today. The results here are a crowning achievement to the best of America’s great design heritage.”

A full list of Awards for 2011 are listed at The Chicago Athenaeum’s website at www.chi-athenaeum.org.

The deadline for 2012 American Architecture Awards is February 1, 2012.

Information and on-line applications are available at The Chicago Athenaeum’s website at www.chi-athenaeum.org.

THE ACROPOLIS MUSEUM

Athens, Greece
Architects: Bernard Tschumi Architects
Associate Architects: Michael Photiadis, ARSY
Client: The Acropolis Museum
Contractor: AKTOR S.A.
Photographer: Peter Mauss/Esto
Christian Richters and Mikos Daniilidis

THE ELI & EDYTHE BOARD CIRM CENTER FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE AND STEM CELL RESEARCH

Los Angeles, California
Architects: ZGF Architects LLP.
Client: University of Southern California
Contractor: Morley Construction
Photographers: Nick Merrick, Blessing Photographers and Eric Staudenmaier

SHANGHAI HOUTAN PARK

Shanghai, People's Republic of China
Architects: Turenscape
Client: Shanghai Municipal Government
Contractor: Shanghai Municipal Government
Photographer: Kongjian Yu

ONE SHELLEY STREET

Sydney, Australia
Architects: Clive Wilkinson Architects
Associate Architects: Woods Bagot
Client: Macquarie Group Limited
Contractor: Fitzpatrick & Partners
Photographers: Steve Hall, Hedrich Blessing Photographers

GARY COMER COLLEGE PREP

Chicago, Illinois
Architects: John Ronan Architects
Client: Gary Comer Science and Education Foundation
Contractor: Norcon Inc.
Photographers: Steve Hall, Hedrich Blessing Photographers

CEDAR STREET RESIDENCE

Tempe, Arizona
Architects: colab studio llc.
Client: Matthew and Maria Salenger
Contractor: Build, Inc.
Photographer: Bill Timmerman

BAR AGRICOLE

San Francisco, California
Architects: Aidlin Darling Design
Client: Bar Agricole
Contractor: Northern Sun Associates, Inc.
Photographer: Thomas Winz

TAMPA MUSEUM OF ART

Tampa, Florida
Architects: Stanley Saitowitz | Natoma Architects, Inc.
Client: City of Tampa
Contractor: Skanska USA Building Inc.
Photographer: Richard Barnes

U.S. COURTHOUSE FLOOD RECOVERY AND RESTORATION

Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Architects: substance architecture
Client: General Services Administration
Contractor: Neumann Brothers, Inc.
Photographer: Paul Crosby

VENICE HOUSE

Venice, California
Architects: Daly Genik Architects
Client: Sam Laybourne
Contractor: CA Construction
Photographers: Peter Brenner and Danny Forrest

CENTER FOR GLOBAL CONSERVATION

Bronx, New York
Architects: FXFOWLE Architects
Client: Wildlife Conservation Society
Contractor: Richter + Ratner Contracting Corp.
Photographer: David Sandberg/Esto
Photographics Inc.

COFFEE PLAZA

Hamburg, Germany
Architects: Richard Meier & Partners Architects, LLP.
Associate Architects: Jörg Huhnholz Architekten Ingenieure PSP
Client: Neumann Gruppe GmbH
Contractor: Rupert App GmbH & Co.
Photographer: Klaus Frahm

WAIPOLO GALLERY AND STUDIO

Oahu, Hawaii
Architects: Bohlin Cywinski Jackson
Associate Architects: Garduque Architects
Client: Private
Contractor: Ryan Associates General Contractors
Structural Engineers: PCS Structural Engineers
Landscape Architects: Helber Hastert & Fee
Photographers: Nic Lehoux

WESTCHESTER REFORM TEMPLE

Scarsdale, New York
Architects: Rogers Marvel Architects PLLC.
Client: Westchester Reform Temple
Contractor: E. W. Howell Co.
Photographer: Paul Warchol

SANDRIDGE ENERGY

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Architects: Rogers Marvel Architects PLLC.
Associate Architects: Hoerr Schaudt Landscape Architects
Client: SandRidge Energy
Contractor: Lingo Construction Services, Inc.

DUBAI TOWERS

Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Architects: Fentress Architects
Associate Architects: KEO International Consultants
Client: The Private Office of H.H. Sheikh Saeed Bin Zayed Al-Nahayyan
Contractor: ACC Arabian Construction

PROTOTYPE SOCIAL HOUSING FOR NORTH TEXAS

Dallas, Texas
Architects: Edward M. Baum Architect
Client: Vision Impact, Inc.

THE LAKEWOOD GARDEN MASOLEUM

Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA
Architects: HGA Architects and Engineers
Client: Lakewood Cemetery Association
Contractor: MA Mortenson Company

SEONGBUKDONG RESIDENCES

Seoul, South Korea
Architects: Joel Sanders Architect
Associate Architects: Haeahn Architecture
Client: G-ON Holdings
Contractor: LIG Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd.
Photographer: Chai Soo Ok

JOUKOWSKY INSTITUTE FOR ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE ANCIENT WORLD

Providence, Rhode Island
Architects: Anmahian Winton Architects.
Client: Brown University
Contractor: Shawmut Design and Construction
Photographers: Peter Wanderwarker,

NATURE BOARDWALK AT LINCOLN PARK ZOO

Chicago, Illinois
Architects: Studio Gang Architects
Client: Lincoln Park Zoo
Contractor: Pepper Construction Group
Photographer: Steve Hall, Hedrich Blessing Photographers

800 17TH STREET | PNC PLACE

Washington, D.C.
Architects: Gensler
Client: The PNC Financial Services Group
Contractor: The Whittig-Turner Contracting Company
Photographer: Prakash Patel

DAVID YURMAN TOWNHOUSE

New York, New York
Architects: Gabelilini Sheppard Associates
Client: David Yurman
Photographer: Paul Warchol

HORIZONTAL SKYSCRAPER VANKE CENTER

Shenzhen, People's Republic of China
Architects: Steven Holl Architects
Associate Architects: China Construction Design International (CCDI)
Client: Shenzhen Vanke Real Estate Co.
Contractor: CSCEC The First Construction Engineering Limited Company of China
Climate Engineers: Transsolar Energietechnik GmbH
Structural Engineers: CABR
Mechanical/Structural Engineers: CCDI
Sustainability Consultant: Arup
Landscape Architects: Steven Holl Architects and CCD
Lighting Consultant: L'Observatoire International Lighting Designers and Consultants
Curtain Wall Consultant: Yuanda Aluminium Industry Engineering Co., Ltd.

SAINT NICHOLAS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Springdale, Arkansas
Architects: Marlon Blackwell Architect
Client: Saint Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church
Contractor: Lourie Construction LLC.
Photographers: Timothy Hursley and Marlon Blackwell

HEIFER EDUCATION CENTER

Little Rock, Arkansas
Architects: Polk Stanley Wilcox Architects
Client: Heifer International
Contractor: CDI Contractors, LLC.
Photographer: Timothy Hursley

PHARE TOWER

LaDefense, France
Architects: Morphosis
Client: SCI CNIT Developpement
Contractor: Oger International
Photographers: Michael Powers

MARC JACOBS FLAGSHIP BUILDING

Toyko, Japan
Architects: Jaklitsch/Gardner Architects PC.
Client: Veloqx Asset Management Corp.
Contractor: Kitano Construction Corp.
Photographers: Nacasa & Partners and Liao Yusheng

WATERSHEDS

Costal, Rhode Island
Architects: Roger Ferris + Parnters, LLC. Architects
Client: Private
Contractor: Berkshire Wilton Partners, LLC.
Photographers: John Biondo Studio

NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF ART WEST BUILDING EXPANSION

Raleigh, North Carolina
Architects: Thomas Phifer and Partners
Associate Architects: Pearce Brinkley Cease + Lee
Client: North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources
Contractor: Balfour Beatt plc.
Contractor: Barnhill Contracting Company
Photographer: Scott Frances and Iwan Baan

UPSTATE HOUSE

Upstate New York
Architects: Thomas Phifer and Partners
Client: Private
Contractor: Robert Bump Construction, LLC.

FIFTH AVENUE APARTMENT

New York, New York
Architects: Thomas Phifer and Partners
Client: Private
Contractor: Bernshohn & Fetner LLC.
Photographer: Scott Frances

CHICAGO CENTRAL AREA DECARBONIZATION PLAN

Chicago, Illinois
Architects: Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill Architecture
Client: City of Chicago

DRY CREEK OUTBUILDINGS

Woodside, California
Architects: Bohlin Cywinski Jackson
Client: the Rockridge Group
Contractors: Van Acker Construction Association, Inc.
Photographer: Nic Lehoux

VIVIAN AND SEYMOUR MILSTEIN FAMILY

HEART CENTER, NEW YORK-PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL/ COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER
New York, New York
Architects: Pei Cobb Freed & Partners Architects LLP.
Associate Architects: daSILVA
Architects Client: New York-Presbyterian Hospital
Contractor: Bovis Lend Lease, LMB, Inc.
Photographer: Paul Warchol

PALAZZO LOMBARDIA

Milan, Italy
Architects: Pei Cobb Freed & Partners Architects LLP.
Associate Architects: Paolo Caputo Partnership
Client: Infrastruttura Lombarde
Contractor: Consorzio Torre
Photographers: Simon Hsu renagrisa

STORM GLASS HOUSE

Three Oaks, Michigan
Architects: PLY Architecture
Client: Private

CHONGQING RIVER TOWER

Chongqing, People's Republic of China
Architects: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, LLP.
Client: Sunshine 100
Photographers: SOM and Crystal CG

OUT OF MEMORY

Los Angeles, California
Architects: Patrick Tighe Architecture
Client: SCI-Arc Southern California Institute of Technology
Photographer: Art Gray

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ONE MADISON PARK

New York, New York

Architects: CetraRuddy

Client: Slazer Enterprise LLC.

Contractor: Bovis Lend Lease, LMB,
Inc.

Photographer: David Sandberg/Esto
Photographics Inc.

THE DIANA CENTER AT BARNARD COLLEGE

New York, New York

Architects: Weiss/Manfredi Architecture/
Landscape Architecture/Urbanism

Client: Barnard College

Contractor: Bovis Lend Lease, LMB,
Inc.

Structural Engineering Consultant:
Severud Engineers

Landscape Architects: HM White Site
Architects

MEPFP/Vertical Transportation

Engineering Consultants: Jaros, Baum
& Bolles Consulting Engineers

Sustainability Consultant: Viridian
Energy & Environmental, LLC.

Photographers: Albert Vecerka/Esto
Photographics Inc. and Paul Warchol

LOS ANGELES MUSEUM OF THE HOLOCAUST

Los Angeles, California

Architects: Belzberg Architects

Client: Los Angeles Museum of the
Holocaust

Contractor: Winters-Schram Associates

Photographer: Iwaan Ban and Benny
Chan

RAYMOND AND SUSAN BROCHSTEIN PAVILION

Houston, Texas

Architects: Thomas Phifer and Partners

Client: Rice University

Contractor: Linbeck Group, LLC.

Photographer: Scott Frances

HISTORIC DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTHOUSE

Washington, D.C.

Original Architect: George Hadfield
(1820)

Architects: Beyer Blinder Belle
Architects & Planners LLP.

Client: District of Columbia Court of
Appeals

Contractor: Hensel Phelps Construction
Co.

Photographer: Art Gray