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DENVER ARCHITECTS SELECT 75 NEW BUILDINGS AND URBAN PLANNING PROJECTS AS THE NATION’S HIGHEST PUBLIC AWARD FOR DESIGN EXCELLENCE IN THE UNITED STATES

DENVER, COLORADO (August 26, 2016) — Seventy-five shortlisted buildings have won the prestigious 2016 American Architecture Awards™ for the best new buildings designed and constructed by American architects in the U.S. and abroad and by international architects for buildings designed and built in the United States.

Now in its 22nd year, The American Architecture Awards were announced today (Friday, August 26) by The Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design and The European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies—organizers of this annual prestigious program for Design Excellence and for the best and finest contributions to innovative contemporary American architecture.

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

From a shortlist of 380 buildings and urban planning projects, this year’s American Architecture Awards went to exceptional buildings designed for every stage of our lives: skyscrapers, corporate headquarters, governmental buildings, science and technology centers, transportation centers, airports, hotels, parks, pavilions, energy infrastructure, retail facilities, housing projects, private homes, schools, universities, art, cultural and health buildings, urban planning and landscape architecture, interiors, and other humanitarian and educational initiatives.

“This comprehensive and even-handed overview of new American Architecture for 2016,” states Christian Narkiewicz-Laine, Museum President, The Chicago Athenaeum, “allows you (as a viewer) to witness the enormous diversity in the American practice of architecture today. This year’s selection by

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the Denver jury was more interested in discussions concerning the problems of the environment, social context, technical and constructive solutions, the responsible use of energies, restoration and adaptive-reuse, and the sensitive use of materials and ecology.”

“Every one of the 75 winning buildings and urban designs illustrate why American architecture continues to be revolutionary and globally influential.”

“The selected buildings and urban planning projects uniquely and sensitively reconcile the principles underlying architectural design with the rapid technological advancements and the modernization of our society today. This year, there was a considerable emphasis on restoration, renovation, and adaptive re-use as the Green Revolution continues to impact cities and the buildings in which we live, work, pray, and become educated and culturally refined.”

“The winning projects are each stunning and provocative new additions to their urban and rural locations—authentic connections to nature and to the very cultures in which they coexist. The selected projects have a positive psychological effect on the communities in which they are built and in which they serve—every detail looks handcrafted; every facade contextualized; every plan, diagram, and section particularly and exquistely well executed.”

“The Chicago Athenaeum believes that The American Architecture Awards serve the direct and distinct purpose of promoting Good Design and as a vehicle to further enlighten the general public’s understanding and knowledge about architecture and the design arts,” states Narkiewicz-Laine.

The 2016 Denver Jury for Awards included:

- Curtis W. Fentress — Fentress Architects, Denver, Colorado
- Steve Carr — H + L Architecture, Denver, Colorado
- Paul Andersen — Independent Architecture, Denver, Colorado
- Stuart Coppedge — RTA Architects, Colorado Springs, Colorado
- Joshua Gould — RNL, Denver, Colorado

The following 75 Awarded American projects for 2016 are:

2. **COAST AT LAKESHORE EAST**, Chicago, Illinois, 2013 by bKL Architecture LLC.
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4. **MILL VALLEY COURTYARD RESIDENCE**, Mill Valley, California, 2014 by Aidlin Darling Design
8. **HEALTH NEUROSCIENCE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE**, Indianapolis, Indiana 2012 by CannonDesign
10. **PLEATED HOUSE**, Door County, Wisconsin, 2015 by Johnsen Schmaling Architects
11. **THE KNOXVILLE BOTANICAL GARDEN AND ARBORETUM VISITOR PAVILION**, Knoxville, Tennessee 2015 by De Leon & Primmer
12. **Bi(H)OME**, Los Angeles, California, 2015 by Kevin Daly Architects
15. **MERCER ISLAND FIRE STATION #92**, Mercer Island, Washington, 2015 by The Miller Hull Partnership
16. **CHK I CENTRAL BOATHOUSE**, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 2015 by Elliott + Associates Architects
17. **ST. ANN’S WAREHOUSE**, Brooklyn, New York, 2015 by Marvel Architects
18. **SL11024**, Los Angeles, California, 2015 by Lorcan O’Herlihy
19. **TONGVA PARK AND KEN GENSER SQUARE**, Santa Monica, California, 2013 by James Corner Field Operations
20. **BURBANK WATER AND POWER ECOCAMPUS**, Burbank, California, 2013 by AHBE Landscape Architects
23. **NATIONAL SAWDUST**, Brooklyn, New York, 2015 by BUREAU V
25. **SAWYER LIBRARY**, Williamstown, Massachusetts, 2014 by Bohlin Cywinski Jackson
27. **LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY**, Lawrence, Kansas, 2014 by Gould Evans
28. **ACE HOTEL**, Los Angeles, California, 2013 by Killefer Flammang Architects
31. **TOM BRADLEY INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL AT LAX**, Los Angeles, California, 2013 by Fentress Architects
32. **FALLING LOTUS BLOSSOMS: EON IT PARK**, Maharashtra, India, 2014 by Form4 Architecture

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33. **BLACK DESERT HOUSE**, Joshua Tree National Park, Twentynine Palms, California, 2013 by Oller & Pejic Architecture


36. **GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM**, Helsinki, Finland, 2014 by Myefski Architects

37. **MR. ROBINSON**, San Diego, California, 2015 by Jonathan Segal

38. **AEP FITNESS CENTER**, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 2015 by Allford Hall Monaghan Morris


40. **STAR APARTMENTS**, Los Angeles, California, 2014 by Michael Maltzan Architecture, Inc.

41. **EMBASSY OF THE USA**, Helsinki, Finland, 2014 by Moore Ruble Yudell Architects & Planners

42. **UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON UNIVERSITY CENTER TRANSFORMATION**, Houston, Texas, 2015 by EYP, Inc.

43. **TEXARKANA ART PARK**, Texarkana, Arkansas, 2014 by University of Arkansas Community Design Center

44. **WHITETAIL WOODS REGIONAL PARK CAMPER CABINS**, Whitetail Woods Regional Park, Farmington, Minnesota, 2014 by HGA Architects and Engineers

45. **VAULT HOUSE**, Oxnard, California, 2013 by Johnston Marklee and Associates

46. **PTERODACTYL**, Culver City, California, 2015 by Eric Owen Moss Architects

47. **SALFORD MEADOWS BRIDGE COMPETITION**, London, United Kingdom, 2013 by Standard LLP.

48. **MENIL DRAWING INSTITUTE (MDI)**, Houston, Texas, 2017 by Johnston Marklee and Associates

49. **THE SCHNABEL FAMILY RETREAT**, Palm Springs, California, 2015 by Studio AR&D Architects

50. **7 BRYANT PARK**, New York, New York, 2014 by Pei Cobb Freed & Partners

51. **CONWAY URBAN WATERSHED FRAMEWORK PLAN: A RECONCILIATION LANDSCAPE**, Conway, Arkansas, 2015 by University of Arkansas Community Design Center

52. **BANDERSNATCH**, 2013 by Steven Christensen Architecture

53. **LIEPAJA THERMAL BATH**, Liepaja, Latvia 2014 by Steven Christensen Architecture

54. **DIXON WATER FOUNDATION JOSEY PAVILION**, Decatur, Texas, 2014 by Lake | Flato Architects

55. **OCEAN AVENUE SOUTH**, Santa Monica, California, 2014 by Moore Ruble Yudell Architects & Planners with Koning Eizenberg

56. **VARNA LIBRARY**, Varna, Bulgaria , 2015 by XTEN Architecture

57. **STANFORD CENTRAL ENERGY FACILITY**, Palo Alto, California, 2015 by ZGF Architects LLP.


59. **POLE PASS RETREAT**, San Juan Islands, Washington, 2013 by Olson Kundig

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60. UCSD BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH FACILITY UNIT 2, La Jolla, California, 2014 by ZGF Architects LLP.
61. NASA ORBIT PAVILION, 2015 by StudioKCA
62. HEAD IN THE CLOUDS PAVILION, New York, New York, 2013 by StudioKCA
63. ARMENIAN AMERICAN MUSEUM DESIGN COMPETITION, Glendale, California, 2015 by Yazdani Studio of CannonDesign
64. SANTA MONICA PARKING STRUCTURE #6, Santa Monica, California, 2013 by Behnisch Architekten
65. AMPAS (ACADEMY OF MOTION PICTURE ARTS AND SCIENCES), Los Angeles, California, 2015 by Studio Pali Fekete architects [SPF:a]
66. THE JOHN ANSON FORD AMPHITHEATRE, Los Angeles, California, 2016 by Levin & Associates
68. THE KILLINGSWORTH OFFICE BUILDING RESTORATION, Long Beach, California, 2015 by Kelly Sutherlin McLeod Architecture, Inc.
69. KOREATOWN GATEWAY, Los Angeles, California, 2016 by John Friedman Alice Kimm Architects
70. HWASEONG SPORTS COMPLEX + STADIUM, Hwaseong, Gyeonggi Province, Republic of South Korea, 2011 by DRDS
71. WILSHIRE TOWER, Los Angeles, California, 2015 by Platform for Architecture + Research
72. LOS ANGELES MUSEUM OF THE HOLOCAUST, Los Angeles, California, 2015 by Belzberg Architects
73. SANFORD CONSORTIUM FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE, La Jolla, California, 2012 by Fentress Architects
74. LOS ANGELES RIVER URBAN AGRICULTURE PLAN, Los Angeles, California, 2014 by Perkins+Will
75. ACADEMY MUSEUM OF MOTION PICTURES, Los Angeles, California, 2017 by Renzo Piano Building Workshop, with contribution to concept design by Studio Pali Fekete architects and Gensler as executive architects

The American Architecture Awards, founded 22 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 Monday, October 3, The Chicago Athenaeum will host an Awards Presentation/Gala Dinner in Chicago honoring the winning architects and their clients. Individual Dinner Tickets are $150.00. Ticket information is available by contacting The Chicago Athenaeum at +815/777-4444.
All awarded buildings and urban planning projects are published in (Global Design + Urbanism) New American Architecture published by Metropolitan Arts Press Ltd. Books can be purchased by contacting The Chicago Athenaeum or on-line at metropolitanartspress.com

In December, 2016, The Chicago Athenaeum, together with The European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies, will present an exhibition of all awarded buildings for 2015-2016. The exhibition, New American Architecture opens at Contemporary Space in Athens (74 Mitropoleos Street) Athens, Greece.

After Athens, the exhibition travels to Istanbul, Turkey under the auspices of the Turkish Chamber of Architects in Istanbul in January 2017. Other tours of the exhibition in Europe and the U.S. to be announced.

The deadline for the 2017 American Architecture Awards is February 1, 2017.

Applications for 2017 are available on line at www.chi-athenaeum.org.

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NOTE TO REPORTERS AND EDITORS: Photos of the 2016 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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