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PHOENIX ARCHITECTS SELECT 60 NEW BUILDINGS AND URBAN PLANNING PROJECTS AS THE BEST 2015 ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN IN THE UNITED STATES

Awarded Projects to be Exhibited at the 3rd Chicago Architecture Biennial and Travel to Ismir, Turkey, Athens, Greece, and to other Museums in Europe

SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA (October 5, 2015) — Sixty shortlisted buildings have won the prestigious 2015 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.

The American Architecture Awards, now in its 21st year, were announced today (Monday September 28) 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 prize for Design Excellence and the best and latest contributions to innovative contemporary American architecture.

This year's American Architecture Awards feature exceptional buildings designed for every stage of our lives: skyscrapers, corporate headquarters, governmental buildings, science and technology centers, transportation centers, hotels, memorials, pavilions, energy infrastructure, retail facilities, housing projects, private homes, schools, universities, art, cultural and health buildings, urban planning and landscape architecture, interiors, and humanitarian initiatives.

“America's most prominent architecture firms have all made the grade and show why the United States architectural talent and ambition is famed around the world.” The American Architecture Awards are awarded to U.S. architects who have made the biggest contribution to the evolution of American architecture in a given year,” states Christian Narkiewicz-Laine, President, The Chicago Athenaeum.

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“Every one of the sixty winning buildings illustrate why great architecture is so valuable. It has the power to delight, inspire and comfort us at all stages of our lives; to improve humanity’s potential, to provide our cities with decent homes and affordable alternatives, and to create a sensitive and uplifting urban and rural environment that immeasurably improves the lives and well-being of all those who encounter them.”

“The winning projects are each surprising new additions to their urban and rural locations—but their stand-out common quality is their exceptionally—executed crafted detail. From the projects selected this year, every detail on every building, both internally and externally, is exquisitely refined.”

“Not only are these the best new buildings in the country today, they are game-changers that other architects, clients, and local authorities should aspire to. This year’s jury of Phoenix architects had an unenviable task,” Narkiewicz-Laine continues.

The 60 awarded American projects for 2015 are:

1. **MARLBORO MUSIC: FIVE COTTAGES**, Marlboro, Vermont, 2014 by HGA Architects and Engineers
2. **DART CENTRAL STATION**, Des Moines, Iowa, 2012 by Substance Architecture
3. **PRINCIPAL RIVERWALK PUMP STATION**, Des Moines, Iowa, 2012 by Substance Architecture
4. **TOPO HOUSE**, Blue Mounds, Wisconsin, 2013 by Johnsen Schmalzing Architects
5. **SUNSET PARK MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY**, Brooklyn, New York, 2013 by Selldorf Architects
6. **DAHLONEGA RESIDENCE**, Bethesda, Maryland, 2013 by David Jameson Architect Inc.
7. **RETROSPECT VINEYARDS RESIDENCE**, Windsor, California, 2014 by Swatt Miers Architects
8. **VIDALAKIS RESIDENCE**, Portola Valley, California, 2014 by Swatt Miers Architects
9. **SOUTH COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER**, Porterville, California, 2013 by CO Architects
10. **NEW TRIER HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION AND ALTERATION**, Winnetka, Illinois, 2014 by Moore Ruble Yudell Architects & Planners
11. **DESERT CANOPY HOUSE**, Palm Springs, California, 2013 by Sander Architects
12. **PASADENA CITY COLLEGE CENTER FOR THE ARTS**, Pasadena, California, 2014 by A.C. Martin Partners
13. **BUTTERFLY HOUSE**, Carmel, California, 2013 by Feldman Architecture
14. **THE BROAD MUSEUM**, Los Angeles, California, 2015 by Diller Scofidio + Renfro
15. **JOHN M. ROLL UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE**, Yuma, Arizona, 2013 by Ehrlich Architects
16. **THE ARCUS CENTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE LEADERSHIP**, Kalamazoo, Michigan, 2014 by Studio Gang Architects
17. **MCELROY RESIDENCE**, Laguna Beach, California, 2013 by Ehrlich Architects
18. **NATIONAL SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL MUSEUM**, New York, New York, 2014 by Davis Brody Bond

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19. **WINDHOVER CONTEMPLATIVE CENTER AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY**, San Francisco California, 2014 by
Aidlin Darling Design
20. **MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE NEW SQUASH FACILITY**, Middlebury, Vermont, 2013 by ARC/ Architectural
Resources Cambridge
21. **SAINT ELIZABETHS EAST GATEWAY PAVILION**, Washington, DC, 2013 by Davis Brody Bond
22. **QUONOCHONTAUG HOUSE**, Charlestown, Rhode Island, 2014 by Bernheimer Architecture PLLC.
23. **ST. HILDA'S & ST. HUGH'S SCHOOL**, Bridgehampton, New York, 2014-by Murphy Burnham & Buttrick
Architects
24. **UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE SALT LAKE CITY**, Salt Lake City, Utah, 2014 by Thomas Phifer and
Partners
25. **ASPEN ART MUSEUM**, Aspen, Colorado, 2014 by Shigeru Ban Architects
26. **MEYER RESIDENCE**, Boston, Massachusetts, 2014 by Studio Luz Architects, Ltd.
27. **GHOST GALLERY**, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 2013 by Elliott + Associates Architects
28. **MONMOUTH BATTLEFIELD STATE PARK VISITOR CENTER**, Manalapan, New Jersey, 2013 by ikon.5
architects
29. **NOAA SOUTHWEST FISHERIES SCIENCE CENTER**, La Jolla, California, 2013 by Gould Evans
30. **GREEN HOUSE**, Birmingham, Westport, Connecticut, 2014 by Roger Ferris + Partners
31. **SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORPORATION U.S. HEADQUARTERS**, Morristown, New Jersey, 2013 by ikon.5
architects
32. **CRESCENT PARK**, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2014 by Eskew+Dumez+Ripple
33. **THE TERRACE AT THE CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES**, San Francisco, California, 2014 by Mark
Cavagnero Associates
34. **COLLABORATIVE LIFE SCIENCES BUILDING AND SKOURTES TOWER**, Portland, Oregon, 2014 by CO
Architects
35. **PROYECTO CLAMOR DE PAZ**, Guaimaca, Honduras, 2014 by Paul Lukez Architecture
36. **EAST REGIONAL REGIONAL CHILLED WATER PLANT**, Columbus, Ohio, 2014 by Leers Weinzapfel
Associates
37. **EAST END HOUSE**, Long Island, New York, 2013 by Christoff:Finio Architecture
Architecture Workshop
38. **SHED STORE AND CAFE**, San Francisco, California, 2013 by Jensen Architects
39. **SKYHAUS**, San Francisco, California, 2014 by Aidlin Darling Design
40. **TURNER RESIDENCE**, Larkspur, California, 2013 by Jensen Architects
41. **GUGGENHEIM HELSINKI**, Helsinki, Finland, 2014 by XTEN Architecture
42. **ANDERSON COLLECTION AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY**, Stanford, California, 2014 by Ennead
Architects LLP.
43. **COLUMBIA BOULEVARD WASTEWATER TREATMENT SUPPORT FACILITY**, Portland, Oregon, 2013 by
Skylab Architecture
44. **PHOTOGRAPHER'S LOFT**, New York, New York, 2014 by Desai Chia Architecture PC.
45. **BRIGHTON PARK PAVILION**, Brighton, Massachusetts, 2014 by Touloukian Touloukian Inc.

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46. **WELLINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**, Belmont, Massachusetts, 2013 by Jonathan Levi Architects
47. **WALDORF ASTORIA BEIJING**, Beijing, China, 2014 by Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill Architecture
48. **SONGPA MICRO-HOUSING**, Seoul, South Korea, 2014 by SsD
49. **GLASS BUTTERFLY**, Holbaek, Denmark, 2013 by Form4 Architecture
50. **CORNELL UNIVERSITY EAST SIBLEY HALL**, Ithaca, New York, 2014 by LevenBetts
51. **FIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**, Weston, Massachusetts, 2014 by Jonathan Levi Architects
52. **4 SPRINGS LANE**, Rappahannock County, Virginia, 2013 by Robert M. Gurney Architect
53. **bm MODULAR ONE**, Bethesda, Maryland, 2013 by Robert M. Gurney Architect
54. **TRED AVON RIVER HOUSE**, Easton, Maryland, 2013 by Robert M. Gurney Architect
55. **JEWELS OF SALZBURG**, Salzburg, Austria, 2015 by Hariri & Hariri Architecture
56. **VITRA BALNEÁRIO CAMBORIÚ**, Santa Catarina, Brazil, 2014 by Pininfarina of America
57. **AMERICAN PHYSICAL SOCIETY EDITORIAL HEADQUARTERS**, Ridge, New York, 2014 by Marvel Architects
58. **FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC INNOVATION, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY BUILDING**, Lakeland, Florida, 2014 by Santiago Calatrava/Festina Lente LLC.
59. **THE STACK**, New York, New York, 2014 by Gluck+
60. **MAUMELLE ENVIRONMENTAL TRAILHEAD COMPLEX**, Little Rock, Arkansas, 2013 by UA Community Design Center

The American Architecture Awards, founded 21 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.

The 2015 American Architecture Award Jury was held at the prestigious Black Rock Studio in downtown Scottsdale and the jury members that selected the 60 projects from the shortlist include:

- Phil Weddle, Weddle Gilmore Architects
- Tom Perica, HDR Architecture, Inc.
- Brian Farling, Jones Studio, Inc.
- Marlene Imirzian, Marlene Imirzian And Associates LLC.
- Mark Ryan, Mark Ryan Studio
- Nick Tsontakis, Tsontakis Architecture LLC.
- Doug Nielsen, Smithgroup JJR

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The elite group of buildings and urban planning projects selected by the jury will be premiered at the the 3rd Chicago Architecture Biennial this November.

The exhibition is entitled *The City and the World* and combines the The International Architecture Awards 2015 with The American Architecture Awards 2015.

After Chicago, the exhibition is scheduled to travel to Izmir, Turkey at the the Chamber of Turkish Architects-Izmir Branch and The European Centre's Contemporary Space Athens in Athens, Greece in 2016.

The deadline for the 2016 American Architecture Awards is February 1, 2016.

NOTE TO REPORTERS AND EDITORS: Photos of the 2015 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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