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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 Schmaling Architects
5. **SUNSET PARK MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY**, Brooklyn, New York, 2013 by Selldorf Architects
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
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
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. QUONOCHTAUG 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 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.
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
The elite group of buildings and urban planning projects selected by the jury will be premiered at the 3rd Chicago Architecture Biennial this November.

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

After Chicago, the exhibition is scheduled to travel to Izmir, Turkey at 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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