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AIA SAN DIEGO ANNOUNCES ITS 2008 AWARDS PROGRAM JURY

Influential Panel of Architects to Select the Year's Most Impressive
Local Architectural Projects

May 19, 2008 (San Diego, Calif.) — The American Institute of Architects (AIA) San Diego chapter is pleased to announce its jury for the 2008 Design Awards & 2008 Young Architect of the Year (YAYA) program.

“We have selected a distinguished and diverse jury for this year’s program,” shares Greg McClure, chair of the 2008 AIASD Design Awards. “Our jurors represent some of our profession’s finest talent and most respected voices. We are excited to have their experience and perspectives guide the selection of the year’s most outstanding contributions to local architecture.”

Jury members will travel to San Diego this June to evaluate nominated projects and select 2008 winners. A *Design Awards Gala* will be held June 7, 2008, at The Neurosciences Institute in La Jolla, Calif., to announce selected projects and the Young Architect of the Year award winner.

The four-member jury panel includes



R. Allen Eskew, FAIA, principal-in-charge at the New Orleans, LA, office of Eskew+Dumez+Ripple has a national reputation for excellence in architectural design, with projects ranging from large public aquariums to educational research facilities. Mr. Eskew has been heavily involved in post-Katrina recovery planning efforts including the Bring New Orleans Back (BNOB) committee and the Unified New Orleans Plan (UNOP). He is the current team leader for “Reinventing the Crescent,” the New Orleans Riverfront Development Plan.



Mary Griffin, FAIA, is a principal with the award-winning firm Turnbull Griffin Haesloop Architects in San Francisco, CA. Her firm’s work focuses on site-specific sustainable residential and institutional architecture, having won over sixty awards. A Fellow of the AIA, Ms. Griffin has served as juror for numerous architectural design competitions, including the AIA National Institute Honor Awards for Architecture.



Rod Kruse, FAIA, has built a reputation over more than 30 years of practice as one of the Central States Region's strongest design talents. A principal of BNIM Architects in Kansas City, MO. His body of work includes diverse clients from the private and public sectors, with a significant focus on higher education, spanning more than 110 projects and studies on 14 campuses. Mr. Kruse is a two-time winner of the National AIA Award for Design Excellence for Architecture.



Søren D. Simonsen, AIA, AICP, LEED™ AP, is an architect and certified planner, and vice president of urban and environmental design at Cooper Roberts Simonsen Associates, with offices in Utah and Idaho. Mr. Simonsen has garnered local, regional and national recognition for his design and planning work, including the 2006 National AIA Young Architect Award. Mr. Simonsen was the first LEED™-accredited professional in Utah and is a leader and advocate for livable, sustainable urban communities.

ABOUT THE DESIGN AWARDS

In its 48th year, the Design Awards program was created to highlight outstanding architecture; to elevate the standards of good design; and to inspire, educate and influence the architectural community. Originally instituted in 1960 as the bi-annual "Honor Awards Program," the program became an annual event in 1982 in response to increased participation, growing AIA visibility and heightened design awareness.

ABOUT THE YOUNG ARCHITECT OF THE YEAR AWARD (YAYA)

The Young Architect of the Year Awards program, fondly known as the YAYA, was created to encourage renewal within the architectural community by recognizing and promoting the next generation of architects responsible for shaping the future of our built environment.

For more information about the AIA Design Awards or to purchase tickets to this year's awards gala, please call **619.232.0109** or visit <http://www.iasandiego.org/2008-gala-tickets> to purchase tickets online.

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