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AIA SAN DIEGO ANNOUNCES ITS 2009 AWARDS PROGRAM JURY

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

April 1, 2009 (San Diego, Calif.) — The American Institute of Architects (AIA) San Diego chapter is pleased to announce its jury for the 2009 Design Awards and Young Architect of the Year (YAYA) program.

“We have selected a distinguished and diverse jury for this year’s program,” shares Bryan Acomb, Assoc. AIA, co-chair of the 2009 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 May to evaluate nominated projects and select 2009 winners. A *Design Awards Gala* will be held May 9, 2009, at The Neurosciences Institute in La Jolla, Calif., to announce selected projects and the Young Architect of the Year award winner.

The three-member jury panel includes:



Hagy Belzberg, AIA, received his Master of Architecture, with Distinction, from Harvard University Graduate School of Design and has been a Graduate level Studio Instructor at the Southern California Institute of Architecture and a Lecturer UCLA Graduate school of Architecture + Urbanism. In 2008 he received the Architecture League of New York Emerging Voice Award and previously has received the Emerging Talent Award from the American Institute of Architects California Council. His firm, Belzberg Architects, has received several Distinguished Building and Honor Design Awards from the American Institute of Architects as well as the Urban Land Institute Award, LA A.I.A./Next Honor Awards, Urban Beautification Awards from the Los Angeles Business Council and American Architecture Awards from the Chicago Athenaeum.



Curtis W. Fentress, FAIA, RIBA, as the President and Principal-in-Charge of Design at Fentress Architects, has built an internationally recognized design portfolio, including \$20 billion of architectural landmarks worldwide. Curt Fentress graduated with honors in 1972 from North Carolina State University College of Architecture, and began his career at the New York firms of I.M. Pei and Partners and Kohn Pedersen Fox. Fentress has won 31 national and international design competitions, and his designs have been honored with over 260 awards for innovation and excellence.



Jinee Park, AIA, received a Master in Architecture from the Harvard Design School and a B.F.A. in Industrial Design from Seoul National University and established her award-winning firm, SINGLE speed DESIGN, in 2001. Jinhee has received many prestigious design awards including AIA Young Architects Award (2009), the Young Architects Forum Award by the Architectural League of NY (2007), an Holcim Foundation for Sustainable Construction Award (2005), The Metropolis Next Generation Prize (2004), and six AIA awards (2003-2006). Recently her firm was selected as one of 100 architects from around the globe to participate in the Ordos 100 project in Mongolia.

ABOUT THE DESIGN AWARDS

In its 49th 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.aiasandiego.org/event/2009-design-awards-gala> to purchase tickets online.

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