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AIA SAN DIEGO ANNOUNCES 2010 AWARDS PROGRAM JURY

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

May 10, 2010 (San Diego, Calif.) — The American Institute of Architects San Diego (AIASD) chapter is pleased to announce its jury for the 2010 Design Awards and Young Architect of the Year Award (YAYA) program.

“We are very excited to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our Design Awards event. We have a great history of memorable jury members and this year will surely be as equally impressive. It has been a challenging year for a lot of local architects, and we feel it is important to come together to celebrate good design and increase that awareness with the Public,” shares Greg McClure, AIA, AIA San Diego Board Member/Public Awareness Commissioner.

“In a departure from the previous award years, the jury selection for 2010 relied in large part on expanded participation from the AIA San Diego members. We solicited suggestions from the membership via survey and nomination, and we were ultimately rewarded with a jury that expands upon, and in many cases exceeds the diversity of the juries in the past,” adds Bryan Acomb, Assoc. AIA, and Design Awards Committee Chair. “Together the 2010 jurors represent a mass of talent and leadership in architecture and design that we believe is quite formidable in scope. The Design Awards committee thanks the AIASD membership for the astounding nominations. We’re pleased that the jury for the 50th anniversary of the Design Awards is truly ‘of the people.’”

Jury members will travel to San Diego this June to evaluate nominated projects and select 2010 winners. Awards will be presented June 19th at The Neurosciences Institute in La Jolla, Calif., with commentary provided by the jurors for winning projects and the Young Architect of the Year Award winner.

The three-member jury panel includes:



Randy Brown, FAIA, LEED AP, Principal of Randy Brown Architects, founded Randy Brown Architects in 1993 with the mission to bring innovative and artistic architectural designs to his home state of Nebraska. Inspired by the rural landscapes and communities of Nebraska, Randy Brown and his team have developed a unique approach to architecture that couples the best of modern, ecologically sensitive design with an appreciation of the natural landscapes and honest lifestyles of the heartland. He is frequently recognized by the national and international design community resulting in numerous publications, and numerous state, regional, and national awards. Randy Brown was honored to receive the AIA National Young Architect Prize in 2002, and at the age of 39, Randy Brown was made a Fellow of the AIA.



Kristine Royal, AIA, LEED AP, is an architect practicing in Newport, Rhode Island with a focus on historic preservation, adaptive reuse and sustainable design projects with a specialty in complex mixed-use building programs. Kristine is a recipient of the AIA's 2010 Young Architect Award, and the 2001 William and Thomas Gilbane Project Achievement Award. She has served on several juries including the National AIA 2008 Associates Award Jury, the 2007 College of Fellows Emerging Professionals Grant Jury, the 2007 AIA Jason Pettigrew Memorial ARE Scholarship Jury, and as a visiting design juror for Roger Williams University School of Art, Architecture and Historic Preservation.



Gwynne Pugh, FAIA, ASCE, SEAOSC, LEED 2.0 AP, Principal of Pugh + Scarpa, has been practicing architecture, planning, and civil and structural engineering since 1971. Co-founder of the firm Pugh + Scarpa, he is responsible for the general project administration, design review, and technical and production management of all of their projects. Mr. Pugh has extensive experience working with community groups and public and private agencies. He has designed projects for the Los Angeles Community College District, Santa Monica College, and the Getty Conservation Institute, as well as numerous cities and institutions. Pugh + Scarpa has received 16 National and more than 50 local and state AIA awards, including the 2010 National Architecture Firm Award. Mr. Pugh is a LEED™ Accredited Professional, and is considered an expert in sustainable structural design and engineering.

ABOUT THE DESIGN AWARDS

2010 marks the 50th year anniversary of AIA San Diego's Design Awards program. The AIA San Diego 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.

In celebration of 50 years of exceptional architecture and design in San Diego, AIASD is adding several special awards to this year's program including a Members' Choice Award, selected from the last 50 years of Honor Award-winning buildings that have stood the test of time. Additionally, there will be some special surprises at the Awards Gala on Saturday, June 19, 2010 at the Neurosciences Institute in La Jolla where this year's winners will be announced.

ABOUT THE YOUNG ARCHITECT OF THE YEAR AWARD (YAYA)

The Young Architect of the Year Award 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 San Diego Design Awards or to purchase tickets to this year's anniversary event, please call **619.232.0109** or visit www.aiasandiego.org/event to purchase tickets online.

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