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AIA SAN DIEGO ANNOUNCES ITS 2007 AWARD WINNERS

The American Institute of Architects San Diego Chapter Recognizes the Year's Most Impressive Projects

July 2, 2007 (San Diego, Calif.) — The American Institute of Architects (AIA) San Diego chapter is pleased to announce the 2007 winners in its annual Design Awards & Young Architect of the Year (YAYA) programs.

A distinguished panel of architects traveled to San Diego this past week to evaluate nominated projects and select the 2007 winners. Award winners were announced at the *AIA Design Awards Gala* held Saturday evening, June 30, 2007, at The Neurosciences Institute in La Jolla, Calif.

The 3-member jury panel was composed of:

- **Angela Brooks**, AIA, LEED / Pugh + Scarpa
- **John Holmes**, AIA / Holst Architecture
- **James Richärd**, AIA / Richard & Bauer Architecture

The panel evaluated more than 80 applications in this year's Design Awards Program and chose to award the following distinctions:

HONOR AWARDS

AIA San Diego's highest award celebrates extraordinary, thoroughly resolved architectural design, worthy of the profession's highest regard.

- **Residential: Lemke House**
 - Luce et Studio Architects
 - Juror Comments:

James Richärd, AIA: "One of the things that stood out for the panel on this project was the ultimate re-use of an existing home. The architects created a wonderful modern living environment without sacrificing or destroying a vintage California Ranch home. There was no need to build an opulent, oversized structure. The home was modest but the detailing was impeccable."

John Holmes, AIA: "This project reflects a sublime use of materials, and a subtle exchange of textures and material. There are real moments of pleasure and surprise throughout. The typical expectation you have walking into a ranch house is in this case,

countered by a spatial experience that is fluid and without distraction.”

▪ **Institutional: UCSD Student Services Center**

- Rob Wellington Quigley, FAIA
- Juror Comments:

James Richard, AIA: “This building was simple, to the point and very powerful.”

Angela Brooks, AIA, LEED: “Our panel was impressed by the inviting nature of the architecture. The openness and circulation — the manner that students move through the building — worked very well. And, unexpected, playful details resulted in a building that opens itself to the student community and invites participation.”

▪ **Mixed-Use: The Union**

- Jonathan Segal Architect, FAIA
- Juror Comments:

John Holmes, AIA: “This mixed use project really hit all the right notes. It is a project that leads by example, accomplishing great things with a modest budget and focus on energy efficiency.”

Angela Brooks, AIA, LEED: “The scale of this project was really an asset. The way the buildings meet the street is very successful, along with the creativity in interlocking space between residences and commercial offices.”

MERIT AWARDS

Recognizes exemplary, innovative, and well resolved design, worthy of professional recognition.

▪ **Residential: K Lofts**

- Jonathan Segal Architect, FAIA

▪ **Interiors: George’s California Modern**

- Luce et Studio Architects

▪ **Un-Built: Las Flores**

- Estudio Santander

▪ **Un-Built: Palomar College Learning Resource Center**

- LPA, Inc.

▪ **Institutional: 1100 Kettner (Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego Downtown Addition)**

- Gluckman Mayner Architects

CITATIONS

Recognizes distinctive aspects or elements of a design, which demonstrates noteworthy architectural skill or vision.

- **Residential: Artist Bridge Studio**
 - Safdie Rabines Architects
- **Commercial: B.L.D.G. (Barrio Logan Design Guild)**
 - Blue Motif Architecture
- **Un-Built: Bayside Fire Station**
 - Studio: Anderson, Inc.
- **Institutional: UCSD Pepper Canyon Hall**
 - SmithGroup, Inc.

DIVINE DETAIL

Specific, ingenious and graceful design details that are worthy of recognition all by themselves.

- **Museum Table**
 - Luce et Studio Architects

YOUNG ARCHITECT OF THE YEAR AWARD (YAYA)

The panel selected Lloyd Russell, AIA, as this year's Young Architect of the Year. Mr. Russell is currently teaching at Woodbury University as a co-director of the MRED (Masters in Real Estate Development) program. Since 2003, he has been an elected member to the CCAC (Centre City Advisory Committee to the Centre City Development Corporation). His residential project, "R3 Triangle Building" was awarded an Honor Award in the 2006 AIA Design Awards.

In bestowing the award, juror John Holmes, AIA, commented, "The panel was excited to see the impressive body of work that Lloyd has created to date in his young career, and we look forward to seeing what will come." Adds juror James Richard, AIA: "Lloyd's commitment to teaching and participation in community organizations sets an example for other young architects to follow."

SDG&E "ENERGY EFFICIENCY INTEGRATION AWARD"

In association with SDG&E's "Savings by Design" Program, award winning projects that have been given outstanding design consideration to energy performance will be recognized with the "Energy Efficiency Integration Award." This award is open to commercial and institutional built projects only, which are located within the SDG&E service territory.

This year, the jury awarded an "Energy Efficiency Integration Award" to:

- **Commercial: B.L.D.G. (Barrio Logan Design Guild)**
 - Blue Motif Architecture

In recognizing this project, juror Angela Brooks, AIA, LEED, commented: “We know that construction debris has a significant impact on our landfills. For a project to re-use material to this degree while re-purposing an existing building in unique ways, sets a great example for how creativity can create positive changes for the environment.”

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS YEAR’S DESIGN AWARDS, VISIT: www.aiasandiego.org

ABOUT THE DESIGN AWARDS

In its 47th 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.

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About the AIA: With more than 80,000 members, the national AIA organization provides tools and resources to help architects meet the challenges of a complex and competitive marketplace. Over its 150-year history, the organization has grown to more than 300 local chapters. Its members have access to exclusive information and services on AIA websites and are kept abreast of latest developments through educational programs. The San Diego chapter serves the needs of more than 1,000 members from its offices in downtown San Diego; Tel 619.232.0109; www.aiasandiego.org.

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