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AIA MICHIGAN DESIGN AWARDS ANNOUNCED

May 26, 2016 – Detroit, Michigan – The American Institute of Architects Michigan announced 15 buildings singled out for design excellence and will receive their awards at its annual Design Awards Celebration on June 10 at The Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan. Dozens of projects were entered in the competition and they were judged by an esteemed jury from Boston, MA, chaired Glen LeRoy, FAIA.

The following is a list of the winning projects by category:

BUILDING CATEGORY:

Idaho House

Ketchum, Idaho

Architect: Charles Bultman Architect

Owner: James & Penelope Deyoung

Contractor: Dembergh Brown Builders

Photos: David O. Marlowe Photography

Jury Comment: "This well-sited house expresses a mastery of traditional timber framing and a consistency of wood craftsmanship."

Knapp's Center

Lansing, Michigan

Architect: Quinn Evans Architects

Owner: Eyde Company

Contractor: Granger Construction

Photos: James Haefner

Jury Comment: "A historic department store exterior is elegantly restored. The repurposed interior is informed by the streamlined modern exterior."

Nano Mechanical Science & Engineering Building

Ann Arbor, Michigan

Architect: Integrated Design Solutions

Designer Architect: Perkins + Will

Owner: University of Michigan

Contractor: DeMaria Building Company

Photos: James Haefner

Jury Comment: A simple palate of materials wraps a well-defined layer of activity spaces with a high degree of internal coherence."

Newell Rubbermaid New Design Center

Royal Oak, MI

Architect: Byce & Associates, Inc.
Interior Design Consultant: Perkins + Will
Owner: Newell Rubbermaid
Contractor: AVB, Inc.
Photos: Hedrich Blessing, Commercial Digital Images
Jury Comment: Wood and natural lighting form a strong central organizing concept for this design and engineering center.”

Oakland University Engineering Center
Rochester, Michigan
Architect: SmithGroupJJR
Owner: Oakland University
Contractor: Walbridge
Photos: Jason Robinson Photography
Jury Comment: “A large and beautifully composed exterior expresses both the internal activities and building technologies.”

Royal House Recording
Royal Oak, MI
Architect: Saroki Architecture
Owner: Roger Goodman
Contractor: Kelly Building & Development Company, LLC
Photos: Jared Chulski
Jury Comment: “Simple wood planes are effectively added to an existing industrial building, creating an entry courtyard, leading to a lively, creative, and repurposed "worklounge".

Tibbits Opera House Façade Restoration
Coldwater, MI
Architect: Thomas Roberts Architect, LLC
Owner: Tibbits Opera House Foundation and Arts Council
Contractor: Owens-Aimes-Kimball Co.
Photos: Thomas Roberts, Christine Delaney
Jury Comment: “After generations of failed "renovations," this historic opera house was meticulously restored to its original elegance in a celebration of architectural craft.”

INTERIOR CATEGORY:

Detroit Workplace Renovation
Southfield, Michigan
Architect: Harley Ellis Devereaux
Owner: Harley Ellis Devereaux
Contractor: Frank Rewold + Son, Inc.
Photos: Barking Dog Studios
Jury Comment: “Several key design interventions completely transform the way the firm functions. Natural light, collaboration spaces, and open circulation create a new work setting that is sophisticated and fun.”

East Quad Residence Hall
Ann Arbor, Michigan
Architect of Record: Integrated Design Solutions
Design Architect: Hanbury Evans Wright Vlattas & Company
Owner: University of Michigan
Contractor: Walbridge
Photos: University of Michigan, IDS

Jury Comment: "This renovation design creates a new and comprehensive residential community. Multiple spaces and functions are linked together with an elegant, restrained material palate."

General Motors Design Auditorium

Warren, Michigan

Architect: SmithGroupJJR

Owner: General Motors

Contractor: Roncelli, Inc.

Photos: Jim Haefner Photography

Jury Comment: "Eero Saarinen's legendary dome at the historic GM Tech Center is sensitively retrofitted with new lighting technology, a control center, and meeting functions for a 21st Century experience."

UNBUILT PROJECT CATEGORY:

Rules of the Road

Chicago, Illinois

Architect: DAUB

Designer: rootoftwo

Jury Comment: "This innovative and well-researched project tackles the nationwide problem of the wasteland of freeway interchanges in the inner city."

Grand River Public Space

Detroit, Michigan

Architect: InFORM Studio

Owner: DTE Energy

Jury Comment: "This public space, an oasis in urban Detroit, must be built! The small and well-detailed pavilion acts as a catalyst for the whole park. The presentation is clear and compelling."

LOW BUDGET/SMALL PROJECT CATEGORY:

AKA Sushi

Jackson, Michigan

Architect: DAUB

Designer: Synecdoche Design

Owner: Garden of Dreams Daycare, First Congregational Church

Contractor: J&L Manufacturing.

Photos: Adam Smith

Jury Comment: "Despite tight budget constraints, this solution uses an elegant palate of materials that highlights the art of food preparation."

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Grand Rapids, Michigan

Architect: Progressive AE

Owner: Progressive AE

Contractor: R. W. Mercer

Photos: Cat Carty Buswell

Jury Comment: "This ingenious modular construct can be reconfigured for a variety of uses serving the young and young at heart."

STEEL AWARD CATEGORY:

Bowling Green State University McDonald Hall Renovation

Bowling Green, Ohio

Architect: SmithGroupJJR

Owner: Bowling Green State University

Contractor: Quandel Construction Group, Inc.

Photos: Jason Robinson Photography

Jury Comment: "Galvanized steel is effectively used in handrails, guardrails, and cladding to pull together several disparate interventions in this university residence hall, creating a signature element."

25 YEAR AWARD CATEGORY:

This category is for a distinguished project, executed prior to 1990 and used for at least 25 years for the same purpose for which it was designed. The 25 Year Award honorees are chosen because the original design has made a lasting impact on the design community and continues to be utilized for its intended purpose. While the designs may have undergone updates over the years, the thoughtful, well-designed spaces have stood the test of time and the buildings are just as relevant today as 25 years ago. This year's winners are Beckman Institute for Advanced Science & Technology by SmithGroupJJR and Sesquicentennial Pavilion by Allegretti Architects.

The American Institute of Architects Michigan, headquartered Midtown Detroit, established its awards program to raise public awareness to the value and importance of architectural excellence and to recognize those whose notable achievements encourage all to make excellence in architecture the standard. Visit www.aiami.com or call 313.965.4100 to learn more.

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