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IRISH ARCHITECTS SELECT 35 AMERICAN ARCHITECTURE AWARDS FOR THE BEST NEW 2007 BUILDING DESIGN IN THE USA

AUGUST 15, 2007, Chicago, Illinois. . . The Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design and Metropolitan Arts Press Ltd. announce thirty-five (35) new distinguished buildings selected this year in the Museum's prestigious "**American Architecture Awards®**" program for 2007.

Established over 10 years ago, the awards program honors and celebrates the most outstanding new accomplishments for new architecture designed and built in the United States by leading American and international architecture firms practicing in the USA.

"The American Architecture Awards" have become the most important awards program for public recognition for Excellence in Architecture in the United States both nationally and internationally. The Awards identify the new cutting-edge design direction, urban philosophy, design approach, style, and intellectual substance in American Architecture today.

The program is co-presented with The European Centre for Architecture, Art, Design, and Urban Studies and Milan's *Abitare* Magazine.

The Chicago Athenaeum, established in the historic city where modern architecture was first realized by Louis H. Sullivan, Frank Lloyd Wright, and Mies van der Rohe, is the only Museum of Architecture and Design in the

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United States and functions internationally as one of the foremost museums dedicated to both architecture and industrial design.

For "**American Architecture Awards**" 2007, the Museum received hundreds of submissions from the best and most renowned design firms in the United States and international firms working in US. The submissions ranged from new corporate headquarters, skyscrapers, institutions, sports and transportation facilities, airports, urban planning projects, sacred spaces, and private residences and multi-family housing designed by architects in their countries of origin or abroad for both built and unbuilt projects alike, as of January 1, 2005.

The Awards Program was open to all architecture offices and U.S. firms with projects inside and outside the United States, as well as international architecture firms building in the US.

This year's jury for awards took place in Dublin, Ireland (May, 2007) under the auspices of the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland and with the participation of noted Irish architectural practitioners, educators, government leaders, and architecture journalists serving as jury members including:

- Brian O'Halloran, Brian O'Halloran & Associates, Dublin (Chair of the Jury)
- Kieran Corcoran, Head of Design, Dublin Institute of Technology, Dublin
- Chris Flynn, Principal Officer, Cultural Institutions, Department of Arts, Sport & Tourism, Government of Ireland, Dublin
- Sean Harrington, Sean Harrington Architects, Dublin
- Dr. Ellen Hazelkorn, Faculty Director / Faculty of Applied Arts, Dublin Institute of Technology, Dublin
- Andrea Maccanico, Italian Trade Commission, Italian Embassy in Dublin
- Sandra O'Connell, Editor, Architecture Ireland, Dublin
- Ciaran O'Connor, Architect, Office of Public Works, Dublin
- Emmett Scanlon, Architecture Advisor, The Arts Council of Ireland, Dublin

The "**American Architecture Awards**" is curated and organized by Christian K. Narkiewicz- Laine, Director / President, The Chicago Athenaeum and assisted by Lary L. Sommers, Director of Marketing / Administration,

The Chicago Athenaeum, and Kieran Conlon, Director / COO, The European Centre for Architecture, Art, Design and Urban Studies, Dublin.

Thirty-Five (35) buildings in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Utah, Virginia, Washington, as well as in Sweden, Czech Republic, and Great Britain were selected by the Irish jury for this 2007 Awards program.

Projects selected include new corporate headquarters, schools and universities, libraries, art museums, foundation headquarters, transit projects, lofts, residences, and single-family homes.

No skyscrapers or large-scale office buildings were selected this year by the Irish jury, signaling an ever-growing European concern for smaller more intimate building types, an awareness of energy conservation and sustainability, and profound respect for the built and human environments.

All awarded projects can be found on-line at The Chicago Athenaeum's website at www.chi-athenaeum.org.

"For over 10 years and as perhaps the most significant awards from for new distinguished buildings in the United States, The Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design and Metropolitan Arts Press Ltd. has organized this annual Museum program, "**American Architecture Awards**," as a way in which to draw significant world attention to new buildings and urban planning projects being built and designed globally by the best and most prestigious American architecture offices and design firms," states Christian K. Narkiewicz-Laine.

"The wide geographic distribution of these awards attests to the importance of the program," Mr. Narkiewicz-Laine adds. "There is no one, single program that brings together the latest cutting-edge international architecture today as one cohesive universal representation or platform for American design. The Museum is honored to provide a focus that allows an exploration and analysis for current stylistic directions and philosophical thinking that is apparent in contemporary design today."

"The program has a unique educational mission and public profile with the intent of celebrating the latest, most

cutting-edge international design to a national and international audience," Mr. Narkiewicz-Laine continues.

The awarded projects for 2007 and other selected works will form an exhibition, "**New American Architecture**" to open in New York in November, 2007. Details to be announced.

The 2008 deadline for submissions for "**American Architecture Awards**" is **FEBRUARY 1, 2008.**

Entry forms are available by calling the Museum at +815/777-4444 or by FAX at +815/777-2471 or on line at www.chi-athenaeum.org.

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**THE BRUNSON RESIDENTIAL
LOFT CONDOMINIUMS**

Columbus, Ohio
Architects: Jonathan Barnes
Architecture and Design
Client: Long & Wilcox LLC
Contractor: Long & Wilcox LLC

ORLEANS HOUSE

Pleasant Bay, Massachusetts
Architects: Charles Rose
Architects Inc.
Client: Plaze Inc.
Contractor: Homes by Sisson

CHESAPEAKE BOATHOUSE

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Architects: Elliott + Associates
Architects
Client: OKC Boathouse
Foundation
Contractors: Smith & Pickel
Construction

MARTHA'S VINEYARD HOUSE

Chilmark, Massachusetts
Architects: Architecture Research Office
Client: Name Withheld
Contractor: Martha's Vineyard
Construction

**THE KRESGE FOUNDATION
HEADQUARTERS**

Troy, Michigan
Architects: Valerio Dewalt Train
Associates, Inc.
Associate Architects: Farr
Associates
Client: Kresge Foundation
Contractor: JM Olson Corporation

HOUSE OF SWEDEN

Washington, DC
Architects: Wingårdh Arkitektkontor AB
Client: The National Swedish Property
Board

**MODAA MIXED-USE
DEVELOPMENT**

Culver City, California
Architects: Studio Pali Fekete (SPF: a)
Client: MODAA, LLC.

HILL HOUSE

Pacific Palisades, California
Architects: Johnston Marklee
Client: Marklee LLC.
Contractor: Hinerfled-Ward, Inc.

TYEE RIVER CABIN

Skykomish, Washington
Architects: Olson Sundberg Kundig
Allen Architects
Client: Name Withheld
Contractor: Schuchart Dow
Construction

**DELTA SHELTER PREFABRICATED
HOUSE**

Winthrop, Washington
Architects: Olson Sundberg Kundig
Allen Architects
Client: Name Withheld
Contractor: Tim Tanner

DESERT HOUSE

Desert Hot Springs, California
Architects: Marmol Radziner +
Associates
Client: Leo Marmol and Alisa Becket

PRAGUE LIBRARY

Prague, Czech Republic
Design Architects: STRUERE
Client: National Library

FORNARINA

London, Great Britain
Architects: Giorgio Borruso Design
Associate Architects: Studio 2000
Client: Fornari
Contractor: Studio 2000

HOUSE AT THE SHAWAGUNKS

New Platz, New York
Architects: Bohlin Cywinski Jackson
Client: Name Withheld
Contractor: Kira Construction

SEED HOUSE

Marbletown, New York
Architects: ArchLAB
Client: Name Withheld

ART HOUSE

Seattle, Washington
Architects: Olson Sundberg Kundig
Allen Architects
Client: Name Withheld
Contractor: Holyoke Fine Homes

**HEIFER INTERNATIONAL
HEADQUARTERS**

Little Rock/Pulaski, Arkansas
Architects: Polk Stanley Rowland
Curzon Porter Architects Ltd.
Client: Heifer Project International
Contractor: CDI Contractors, LLC.

**ART MUSEUM OF WESTERN VIR-
GINIA**

Roanoke, Virginia
Architects: Randall Stout Architects, Inc.
Client: Art Museum of Western Virginia
Contractor: Centex Construction LLC.

**PENN STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL
OF ARCHITECTURE AND
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE**

University Park, Pennsylvania
Architects: Overland Partners Architects
Associates Architects: WTW Architects
Client: Penn State University
Contractors: Whiting-Turner
Contracting Co.

MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY COMMISSION

Jackson, Mississippi
Architects: Duvall Decker Architects
Associate Architects: Burris/Wagon
Architects, PA.
Client: Mississippi Bureau of Building
Grounds and Real Property
Contractor: W. G. Yates & Sons
Construction Company

SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Santa Monica, California
Architects: Moore Ruble Yudell
Architects & Planners
Client: Santa Monica Main Library
Contractor: Morley Construction

APPLE STORE FIFTH AVENUE

New York, New York
Architects: Bohlin Cywinski Jackson
Client: Apple, Inc.

FARRAR RESIDENCE

Park City, Utah
Architects: Bohlin Cywinski Jackson
Client: Name Withheld

**FACADE WEST 8TH STREET
SUBWAY STATION**

New York, New York
Architects: Acconci Studio
Client: MTA Arts for Transit
Contractors: UAD

**PRIZKER FAMILY CHILDREN ZOO AT
LINCOLN PARK**

Chicago, Illinois
Architects: EHDD Architecture
Client: Lincoln Park Zoo
Contractors: Pepper Construction Co.

SCOTT RESIDENCE

Kerhonkson, New York
Architects: Guardia Architects
Client: Name Withheld

LOBLOLLY HOUSE

Taylors Island, Maryland
Architects: Kieran Timberlake
Associates LLP
Client: Stephen Kieran
Contractors: Arena Program
Management

K LOFTS

San Diego, California
Architects: Jonathan Segal
Architects
Client: Jonathan Segal
Architects

**THE GARY COMER YOUTH
CENTER**

Chicago, Illinois
Architects: John Ronan Architects
Client: Comer Science and Education
Foundation
Contractors: W. E. O'Neil

WILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wilton, Connecticut
Architects: Tai Soo Kim Partners
Client: Wilton Public Library
Contractors: Turner Construction

**PROVINCETOWN ART
ASSOCIATION AND MUSEUM**

Provincetown, Massachusetts
Architects: Machado and Silveti
Associates
Client: Provincetown Art
Association and Museum
Contractor: Acella Construction

**WAYNE LYMAN MORSE UNITED
STATES COURTHOUSE**

Eurgene, Oregon
Architects: Morphosis
Associate Architects: DLR Group
Client: GSA Northwest Arctic Region 10
Contractor: J. E. Dunn

**MISSION VALLEY EAST LIGHT RAIL
TRANSIT PROJECT, SAN DIEGO
STATE UNIVERSITY MULTIMODAL
TRANSIT STATION**

San Diego, California
Architects: Zimmer Gunsul Frasca
Architects LLP
Client: San Diego Association
of Governments
Contractor: Clark Construction
Group

**SLIDE LIBRARY, DEPARTMENT OF
ART HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY,
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY**

New York, New York
Architects: Marble Fairbanks
Client: Facilities Management,
Department of Design and
Construction, Columbia University
Contractors: Ideal Interiors

MONTAUK RESIDENCE

Montauk, New York
Architects: Pentagram Architecture
Client: Name Withheld
Contractor: Men at Work