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## **DENVER ARCHITECTS SELECT 74 NEW BUILDINGS AND URBAN PLANNING PROJECTS AS THE NATION'S HIGHEST PUBLIC AWARD FOR DESIGN EXCELLENCE IN THE UNITED STATES**

***The Elite Group of Awarded Projects to be Exhibited in Europe 2016-2017 with a Gala Awards Dinner Presentation in Chicago Scheduled for October 3, 2016***

DENVER, COLORADO (August 26, 2016) — Seventy-four shortlisted buildings have won the prestigious 2016 *American Architecture Awards* for the best new buildings designed and constructed by American architects in the U.S. and abroad and by international architects for buildings designed and built in the United States.

Now in its 22nd year, *The American Architecture Awards* were announced today (Friday, August 26) by The Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design and The European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies—organizers of this annual prestigious program for Design Excellence and for the best and finest contributions to innovative contemporary American architecture.

*The American Architecture Awards* are the nation's highest public awards given by a non-commercial, non-trade affiliated, public arts, culture and educational institution.

From a shortlist of 380 buildings and urban planning projects, this year's *American Architecture Awards* went to exceptional buildings designed for every stage of our lives: skyscrapers, corporate headquarters, governmental buildings, science and technology centers, transportation centers, airports, hotels, parks, pavilions, energy infrastructure, retail facilities, housing projects, private homes, schools, universities, art, cultural and health buildings, urban planning and landscape architecture, interiors, and other humanitarian and educational initiatives.

"This comprehensive and even-handed overview of new American Architecture for 2016," states Christian Narkiewicz-Laine, Museum President, The Chicago Athenaeum, "allows you (as a viewer) to witness the enormous diversity in the American practice of architecture today. This year's selection by

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the Denver jury was more interested in discussions concerning the problems of the environment, social context, technical and constructive solutions, the responsible use of energies, restoration and adaptive-reuse, and the sensitive use of materials and ecology.”

“Every one of the 74 winning buildings and urban designs illustrate why American architecture continues to be revolutionary and globally influential.”

“The selected buildings and urban planning projects uniquely and sensitively reconcile the principles underlying architectural design with the rapid technological advancements and the modernization of our society today. This year, there was a considerable emphasis on restoration, renovation, and adaptive re-use as the Green Revolution continues to impact our cities and our buildings in which we live, work, pray, and become culturally refined.”

“The winning projects are each stunning and provocative new additions to their urban and rural locations—authentic connections to nature and to the very cultures in which they coexist. The selected projects have a positive psychological effect on the communities in which they are built and in which they serve—every detail looks handcrafted; every facade contextualized; every plan, diagram, and section particularly and exquisitely well executed.”

“The Chicago Athenaeum believes that *The American Architecture Awards* serve the direct and distinct purpose of promoting Good Design and as a vehicle to further enlighten the general public’s understanding and knowledge about architecture and the design arts,” states Narkiewicz-Laine.

The 2016 Denver Jury for Awards included:

- Curtis W. Fentress —Fentress Architects, Denver, Colorado
- Steve Carr —H + L Architecture, Denver, Colorado
- John Gossett, Architect —State Judicial Office, State of Colorado, Denver, Colorado
- Paul Andersen —Independent Architecture, Denver, Colorado
- Stuart Coppedge —RTA Architects, Colorado Springs, Colorado
- Joshua Gould —RNL, Denver, Colorado

The following 74 Awarded American projects for 2016 are:

1. **GALEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**, Chicago, Illinois, 2012 by UrbanWorks, Ltd.
2. **COAST AT LAKESHORE EAST**, Chicago, Illinois, 2013 by bKL Architecture LLC.
3. **HILL HOUSE 3**, Los Altos Hills, California, 2013 by Michael Lustig & Associates, Inc.

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4. **MILL VALLEY COURTYARD RESIDENCE**, Mill Valley, California, 2014 by Aidlin Darling Design
5. **U.S. COURTHOUSE IN AUSTIN**, Austin, Texas, 2012 by Mack Scogin Merrill Elam Architects, Inc.
6. **BERKLEE TOWER OF MUSIC/ BERKLEE TOWER**, Boston, Massachusetts, 2014 by William Rawn Associates, Architects, Inc.
7. **OSF SAINT FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF ILLINOIS**, Peoria, Illinois, 2010 by CannonDesign
8. **HEALTH NEUROSCIENCE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE**, Indianapolis, Indiana 2012 by CannonDesign
9. **THE ZACHARY HOUSE**, Ramseur, North Carolina, 2012 by Stephen Atkinson Architecture
10. **PLEATED HOUSE**, Door County, Wisconsin, 2015 by Johnsen Schmaling Architects
11. **THE KNOXVILLE BOTANICAL GARDEN AND ARBORETUM VISITOR PAVILION**, Knoxville, Tennessee 2015 by De Leon & Primmer
12. **Bi(H)OME**, Los Angeles, California, 2015 by Kevin Daly Architects
13. **RED BARN, Connecticut**, 2015 by Roger Ferris + Partners
14. **RENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**, Renton, Washington, 2016 by The Miller Hull Partnership
15. **MERCER ISLAND FIRE STATION #92**, Mercer Island, Washington, 2015 by The Miller Hull Partnership
16. **CHK I CENTRAL BOATHOUSE**, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 2015 by Elliott + Associates Architects
17. **ST. ANN'S WAREHOUSE**, Brooklyn, New York, 2015 by Marvel Architects
18. **SL11024**, Los Angeles, California, 2015 by Lorcan O'Herlihy
19. **TONGVA PARK AND KEN GENSER SQUARE**, Santa Monica, California, 2013 by James Corner Field Operations
20. **BURBANK WATER AND POWER ECOCAMPUS**, Burbank, California, 2013 by AHBE Landscape Architects
21. **BRUCE C. BOLLING MUNICIPAL BUILDING**, Boston, Massachusetts, 2015 by Mecanoo architecten
22. **THE ROW - MELROSE PLACE**, Los Angeles, California, 2014 by Montalba Architects, Inc.
23. **NATIONAL SAWDUST**, Brooklyn, New York, 2015 by BUREAU V
24. **STOCKING HALL REHABILITATION AND ADDITION, CORNELL UNIVERSITY**, Ithaca, New York, 2015 by Mitchell I Giurgola Architects, LLP.
25. **SAWYER LIBRARY**, Williamstown, Massachusetts, 2014 by Bohlin Cywinski Jackson
26. **ZEREGA AVENUE EMS STATION**, Bronx, New York, 2013 by Smith-Miller+Hawkinson Architects LLP.
27. **LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY**, Lawrence, Kansas, 2014 by Gould Evans
28. **ACE HOTEL**, Los Angeles, California, 2013 by Killefer Flammang Architects
29. **WYOMING RESIDENCE**, Jackson Hole, Wyoming, 2013 by Abramson Teiger Architects
30. **WESTMORELAND MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART**, Greensburg, Pennsylvania, 2015 by Ennead Architects, LLC.
31. **TOM BRADLEY INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL AT LAX**, Los Angeles, California, 2013 by Fentress Architects
32. **FALLING LOTUS BLOSSOMS: EON IT PARK**, Maharashtra, India, 2014 by Form4 Architecture

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33. **BLACK DESERT HOUSE**, Joshua Tree National Park, Twentynine Palms, California, 2013 by Oller & Pejic Architecture
34. **EAST BOSTON BRANCH BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**, Boston, Massachusetts, 2013 by William Rawn Associates, Architects, Inc.
35. **RUTH CAPLIN THEATRE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA**, Charlottesville, Virginia, 2014 by William Rawn Associates, Architects, Inc.
36. **GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM**, Helsinki, Finland, 2014 by Myefski Architects
37. **MR. ROBINSON**, San Diego, California, 2015 by Jonathan Segal
38. **AEP FITNESS CENTER**, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 2015 by Allford Hall Monaghan Morris
39. **PUBLIC MEDIA COMMONS**, St. Louis, Missouri, 2015 by DLANDstudio Architecture + Landscape Architecture pllc.
40. **STAR APARTMENTS**, Los Angeles, California, 2014 by Michael Maltzan Architecture, Inc.
41. **EMBASSY OF THE USA**, Helsinki, Finland, 2014 by Moore Ruble Yudell Architects & Planners
42. **UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON UNIVERSITY CENTER TRANSFORMATION**, Houston, Texas, 2015 by EYP, Inc.
43. **TEXARKANA ART PARK**, Texarkana, Arkansas, 2014 by University of Arkansas Community Design Center
44. **WHITETAIL WOODS REGIONAL PARK CAMPER CABINS**, Whitetail Woods Regional Park, Farmington, Minnesota, 2014 by HGA Architects and Engineers
45. **VAULT HOUSE**, Oxnard, California, 2013 by Johnston Marklee and Associate
46. **PTERODACTYL**, Culver City, California, 2015 by Eric Owen Moss Architects
47. **SALFORD MEADOWS BRIDGE COMPETITION**, London, United Kingdom, 2013 by Standard LLP.
48. **MENIL DRAWING INSTITUTE (MDI)**, Houston, Texas, 2017 by Johnston Marklee and Associates
49. **THE SCHNABEL FAMILY RETREAT**, Palm Springs, California, 2015 by Studio AR&D Architects
50. **7 BRYANT PARK**, New York, New York, 2014 by Pei Cobb Freed & Partners
51. **CONWAY URBAN WATERSHED FRAMEWORK PLAN: A RECONCILIATION LANDSCAPE**, Conway, Arkansas, 2015 by University of Arkansas Community Design Center
52. **BANDERSNATCH**, 2013 by Steven Christensen Architecture
53. **LIEPAJA THERMAL BATH**, Liepaja, Latvia 2014 by Steven Christensen Architecture
54. **DIXON WATER FOUNDATION JOSEY PAVILION**, Decatur, Texas, 2014 by Lake | Flato Architects
55. **OCEAN AVENUE SOUTH**, Santa Monica, California, 2014 by Moore Ruble Yudell Architects & Planners
56. **VARNA LIBRARY**, Varna, Bulgaria , 2015 by XTEN Architecture
57. **STANFORD CENTRAL ENERGY FACILITY**, Palo Alto, California, 2015 by ZGF Architects LLP.
58. **THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA CANCER CENTER AT DIGNITY HEALTH ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER**, Phoenix, Arizona, 2015 ZGF Architects LLP.
59. **POLE PASS RETREAT**, San Juan Islands, Washington, 2013 by Olson Kundig
60. **UCSD BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH FACILITY UNIT 2**, La Jolla, California, 2014 by ZGF Architects LLP.

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- 61. **NASA ORBIT PAVILION**, 2015 by StudioKCA
- 62. **HEAD IN THE CLOUDS PAVILION**, New York, New York, 2013 by StudioKCA
- 63. **ARMENIAN AMERICAN MUSEUM DESIGN COMPETITION**, Glendale, California, 2015 by  
Yazdani Studio of CannonDesign
- 64. **SANTA MONICA PARKING STRUCTURE #6**, Santa Monica, California, 2013 by  
Behnisch Architekten
- 65. **AMPAS (ACADEMY OF MOTION PICTURE ARTS AND SCIENCES)**, Los Angeles, California,  
2017 by Renzo Piano Building Workshop with Gensler and Studio Pali Fekete architects [SPF:a]
- 66. **THE JOHN ANSON FORD AMPHITHEATRE**, Los Angeles, California, 2016 by Levin & Associates
- 67. **OLAN G. AND AIDA T. HAFLEY HOUSE RESTORATION**, Long Beach, California, 2015 by Kelly  
Sutherlin McLeod Architecture, Inc.
- 68. **THE KILLINGSWORTH OFFICE BUILDING RESTORATION**, Long Beach, California, 2015 by  
Kelly Sutherlin McLeod Architecture, Inc.
- 69. **KOREATOWN GATEWAY**, Los Angeles, California, 2016 by John Friedman Alice Kimm Architects
- 70. **HWASEONG SPORTS COMPLEX + STADIUM**, Hwaseong, Gyeonggi Province, Republic of  
South Korea, 2011 by DRDS
- 71. **WILSHIRE TOWER**, Los Angeles, California, 2015 by Platform for Architecture + Research
- 72. **LOS ANGELES MUSEUM OF THE HOLOCAUST**, Los Angeles, California, 2015 by  
Belzberg Architects
- 73. **SANFORD CONSORTIUM FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE**, La Jolla, California, 2012 by  
Fentress Architects
- 74. **LOS ANGELES RIVER URBAN AGRICULTURE PLAN**, Los Angeles, California, 2014  
by Perkins+Will

*The American Architecture Awards*, founded 22 years ago, is a centerpiece of The Chicago Athenaeum and the European Centre's efforts to identify and promote best practices in all types of architectural development and to bring a global focus to light of the best new designs from the United States. It is the only national and global program of its kind.

On Monday, October 3, The Chicago Athenaeum will host an Awards Presentation/Gala Dinner in Chicago honoring the winning architects and their clients. Individual Dinner Tickets are \$150.00. Ticket information is available by contacting The Chicago Athenaeum at +815/777-4444.

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All awarded buildings and urban planning projects are published in (Global Design + Urbanism) *New American Architecture* published by Metropolitan Arts Press Ltd.. Books can be purchased on-line at [metropolitanartspress.com](http://metropolitanartspress.com)

In December, 2016, The Chicago Athenaeum, together with The European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies, will present an exhibition of all awarded buildings for 2015-2016. The exhibition, *New American Architecture* opens at Contemporary Space in Athens (74 Mitropoleos Street) Athens, Greece.

After Athens, the exhibition travels to Istanbul, Turkey under the auspices of the Turkish Chamber of Architects in January 2017.

The deadline for the 2017 American Architecture Awards is February 1, 2017.

Applications for 2017 are available on line at [www.chi-athenaeum.org](http://www.chi-athenaeum.org).

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**NOTE TO REPORTERS AND EDITORS:** Photos of the 2016 American Architecture Awards are available for download. For more details on the award and previous winners, visit The Chicago Athenaeum's website at [www.chi-athenaeum.org](http://www.chi-athenaeum.org)

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