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AIA SAN DIEGO ANNOUNCES ITS 2008 AWARD WINNERS

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

June 7, 2008 (San Diego, Calif.) — The American Institute of Architects (AIA) San Diego chapter is pleased to announce the 2008 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 2008 winners. Award winners were announced at the AIA *Design Awards Gala* held Saturday evening, June 7, 2008, at The Neurosciences Institute in La Jolla, Calif.

The 4-member jury panel was composed of:

- **R. Allen Eskew, FAIA**, principal-in-charge at the New Orleans, LA, office of Eskew+Dumez+Ripple;
- **Mary Griffin, FAIA**, principal, Turnbull Griffin Haesloop Architects in San Francisco, CA;
- **Rod Kruse, FAIA**, principal, BNIM Architects in Kansas City, MO;
- **Søren D. Simonsen, AIA, AICP, LEED™ AP**, architect, certified planner, and vice president of urban and environmental design, Cooper Roberts Simonsen Associates, Salt Lake City, UT.

In this year's program, the panel evaluated 69 total applications, across the following categories: residential, commercial, un-built, interiors, institutional, historic preservation, mixed-use, and divine detail. The jury 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: Casa Familia**
 - Firm: Kevin deFreitas Architects, AIA
- **Institutional: James and Rosemary Nix Nature Center**
 - Firm: Roesling Nakamura Terada Architects
- **Un-Built: NOAA La Jolla Laboratory Consolidation**
 - Firm: Architects Delawie Wilkes Rodrigues Barker in Association with Gould Evans Associates.
- **Un-Built: The Q**
 - Firm: Jonathan Segal FAIA Inc

MERIT AWARDS

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

- **Commercial: West Laurel Studios**
 - Firm: Brett Farrow Architect, Inc
- **Institutional: Francis Parker School**
 - Firm: Lake | Flato Architects
- **Un-Built: 15th & Commercial**
 - Firm: Austin Veum Robbins Partners

CITATIONS

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

- **Residential: Neptune Residence**
 - Firm: Steven Lombardi, Architect
- **Institutional: UCSD Original Student Center Phase II**
 - Firm: Public Architecture + Planning
- **Historic Preservation: Candy Factory and Schiefer & Sons**
 - Firm: Studio E Architects
- **Mixed-Use: Lofts at 655 6th Avenue**
 - Firm: Public Architecture + Planning

DIVINE DETAIL

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

- **Bench at The La Jolla Playhouse Potiker Theater**
 - Firm: MW Steele Group and Basile Studio

YOUNG ARCHITECT OF THE YEAR AWARD (YAYA)

The panel selected Matthew S. Ellis, AIA, as this year's Young Architect of the Year. Mr. Ellis is the founder, owner, president and CEO of Blue Motif, Ltd, founded in 2002. Graduate of Ball State

University with a B.A. in Architecture and a B.S. in Environmental Design, Mr. Ellis worked as an associate with local firm Austin Veum Robbins Partners before establishing Blue Motif in 2002.

SDG&E “ENERGY EFFICIENCY INTEGRATION AWARD”

In association with SDG&E’s “Savings by Design” Program, 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.

Winner of the SDG&E “Energy Efficiency Integration Award:”

DMV San Ysidro Field Office

Firm: Roesling Nakamura Terada Architects

COTE-SD Award

Beginning with this year’s Awards program, the AIA San Diego chapter’s Committee on the Environment (COTE) established the “COTE-SD Award.” The award was created to recognize the beauty of sustainable architecture that integrates buildings with the physical and cultural environment. Projects were evaluated against ten criteria, including factors like land use & site ecology, light & air, energy flows & energy future, bioclimatic design, materials & construction.

Winners of “2008 COTE-SD Awards:”

- **The New Children’s Museum** / Firm: Rob Wellington Quigley, FAIA
- **Casa Familia** / Firm: Kevin deFreitas Architects, AIA
- **Francis Parker School** / Firm: Lake | Flato Architects

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

ABOUT THE DESIGN AWARDS

In its 48th 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.