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GREEK ARCHITECTS SELECT OVER 130 DESIGNS FOR NEW BUILDINGS AND URBAN PLANNING PROJECTS IN THE UNITED STATES AND ABROAD FOR THE 2020 AMERICAN ARCHITECTURE AWARDS

The Nation's Highest Public Award for New Architecture and Urban Planning by the Most Prominent Architecture Firms in the United States Are Honored by The Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design and The European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (OCTOBER 18, 2020) — A new skyscraper and transportation center in San Francisco by Cesar Pelli; a stunning restoration of an historic Washington D.C. library by Norman Foster; a Cadillac Showroom in Shanghai by Gensler; a visionary 'cloudscape' San Francisco tower by Form4Architecture; the rehabilitation of an old Domino Sugar Refinery in Brooklyn by Practice for Architecture and Urbanism; a minimalist house in Connecticut by Roger Ferris + Partners; a sleek Conrad Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C. by Herzog & de Meuron/ Rottet Studio; a new Chicago zoo building by Ross Barney Architects; two new vineyards in California and Umbria, Italy by Piechota Architecture and Hughes Umbanhowar Architects; new affordable housing in Los Angeles by Eric Owen Moss; and two New York skyscrapers by Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates PC. head an impressive list of awarded buildings and urban planning projects in the United States and abroad for 2020.

Over 130 buildings and urban plans from a shortlist of over 400 projects have won the prestigious 2020 American Architecture Awards® for the best new architecture designed and constructed by American architects and by international architects with offices in the United States.

Now in its 26th year, The American Architecture Awards are organized by The Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design and The European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies—jointly presenting this annual, prestigious program for Design Excellence and for the best and next contributions to innovative contemporary American architecture.

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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.

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, restorations and renovations, 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.

"For 26 years, The American Architecture Awards have recognized the best new American architecture by the nation's leading architects for their approach, research, innovation, and vision by design practitioners, developers, and their clients," states Christian Narkiewicz-Laine, Architecture Critic and Museum President, The Chicago Athenaeum.

"In a matter of 26 years, this program has become the single, most important recognition for Design Excellence in the United States, honoring known and celebrated firms, as well as young upstart offices for their smaller scaled, more challenging projects."

"This year, the selected firms for these awards again celebrate the value of architecture to communities across the country and reaffirm American architects' commitment to the highest standards of design."

"Land developers, builders, architects, and engineers have dissected the most brilliant deliveries of single buildings and master planned communities, evaluating the challenges ahead and discussing solutions that will shape tomorrow's communities well into the future," continues Narkiewicz-Laine.

"For 2020, The American Architecture Awards recognize the visionary work of several hundred architecture offices, associate architects, landscape architects, and urban planners for projects in every region of the United States, as well as abroad in Italy, China, Lithuania, Switzerland, South Korea, Latvia, New Zealand, Uganda, Mexico, and Brazil."

"Also, it is interesting to note that this year, there were a record number of awards given for restoration, renovation, and historic preservation of old buildings, thereby reaffirming the importance to conserve American history and heritage, as well as heralding the prominent conservation position that handsomely recycled buildings are the best sustainable Green examples of what can be made revitalized and renewed again for contemporary use."

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“The Chicago Athenaeum champions better buildings, communities, and the environment through which architecture can flourish. The Museum’s awards provide one of the most powerful ways of promoting architecture and the work of architects to the public. I am delighted with this year’s selection, which shows a great variety of imagination and ingenuity,” Narkiewicz-Laine concludes.

This year, the 400 shortlisted entries were selected by a smaller, restricted jury because of the Corona Virus Pandemic and composed of the following Thessaloniki-based Greek architects and educators:

- Eleanna Makridou, Architect, P. Makridis + Associates S.A.
- Ifigeneia Konstantinidou, Communications Expert, Responsive
- Maria Tsaftari, Architect, Urban Soul Project
- Simos Antoniadis, Architect, Urban Soul Project

The over 130 Awarded American Architecture projects for 2020 are:

BRIDGES

inFORM studio + Buro Happold - Providence Pedestrian Bridge, Providence, Rhode Island

LMN Architects - University District Gateway Bridge, Spokane, Washington

Cordogan, Clark & Associates, Inc. - 41st Street Bridge, Chicago, Illinois

CIVIC AND COMMUNITY

Overland Partners - ChildSafe Harvey E. Najim Children and Family Center, San Antonio, Texas

COMMERCIAL

Belzberg Architects – Aurora, México City, México

Piechota Architecture – Silver Oak Winery, Healdsburg, California

Hughes Umbanhowar Architects - Tasting Room, Umbria, Italy

HOK - Consumers Credit Union Headquarters, Kalamazoo, Michigan

Adjaye Associates - The Webster, Los Angeles, California

Skylab – Sideyard, Portland, Oregon

CORPORATE

LEVER Architecture - Redfox Commons, Portland, Oregon

SmithGroup - Guangshun University Labs, Guiyang, China

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CULTURE AND MUSEUMS

Johnsen Schmalig Architects - OS Gallery and Studio, Racine, Wisconsin

Belzberg Architects - USC Shoah Foundation-Institute for Visual History and Education, Los Angeles, California

HGA - Boise State University Center for the Visual Arts, Boise, Idaho

OSA Open Source Architecture - Tautos Namai, Lithuanian National Concert Hall, Vilnius, Lithuania

archimania - Ballet Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee

Michielli + Wyetznier Architects - The Lehman Center for the Performing Arts, Bronx, New York

Form4 Architecture – The Museum of No Spectators, Black Rock City, Nevada

Koning Eizenberg Architecture, Inc. – MuseumLab, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Pei Cobb Freed & Partners Architects LLP. - LMCC's Arts Center at Governors Island, New York, New York

Deborah Berke Partners - 122 Community Arts Center, New York, New York

Adjaye Associates - Ruby City Contemporary Art Center, San Antonio, Texas

DISPLAY/INSTALLATIONS

Studio Joseph - New Glass Now, Corning, New York

ENTERTAINMENT

Marvel Architects – TheatreSquared, Fayetteville, Arkansas

Ross Barney Architects - Searle Visitor Center Lincoln Park Zoo, Chicago, Illinois

EXPOSITION

LakelFlato Architects - Marine Education Center at the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, Ocean Springs, Mississippi

HOK - Kentucky International Convention Center, Louisville, Kentucky

Skidmore, Owings & Merrill/ Mark Cavagnero Associates - Moscone Center Expansion and Improvement, San Francisco, California

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Roth Sheppard Architects - Montezuma County Combined Courts

HEALTH CARE/HOSPITALS

Trahan Architects - The Ochsner Center for Innovation, New Orleans, Louisiana

ikon.5 architects - Health and Wellness Center, Suffolk County Community College, Riverhead, New York

Paul Lukez Architecture - Uganda Dental and Vision Clinic, Bwindi, Uganda

Pei Cobb Freed & Partners Architects LLP. - David H. Koch Center, NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, New York, New York

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HIGH RISES/SKYSCRAPERS

Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates PC.- 55 Hudson Yards, New York, New York

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Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects - Salesforce Tower, San Francisco, California

FitzGerald Associates Architects - 727 West Madison, Chicago, Illinois

Pei Cobb Freed & Partners Architects LLP - One Dalton: Four Seasons Hotel and Private Residences, Boston, Massachusetts

Solomon Cordwell Buenz - Park Tower at Transbay, San Francisco, California

Pininfarina - Yachthouse by Pininfarina, Balneário Camboriú, Brazil

HOTELS/HOSPITALITY

Kobi Karp Architecture and Interior Design - Kimpton Hotel Palomar South Beach, Miami, Florida

Montalba Architects, Inc. – Whitepod, Les Cerniers, Switzerland

UNITEDLAB Associates LLC - Round Retreat, Kurzeme, Latvia

Herzog & de Meuron/ Rottet Studio - Conrad Washington, DC., Washington, D.C.

INDUSTRIAL

Arch11 – DynaEnergetics, Blum, Texas

Tryba Architects - The Glass Lab, Portland, Oregon

LIBRARIES

JRA Architects - Louisville Free Public Library Northeast Regional Branch, Louisville, Kentucky

MONUMENTS

Handel Architects - Emanuel Nine Memorial, Charleston, South Carolina

MIXED-USE

Jonathan Segal FAIA - The Continental, San Diego, California

Form4 Architecture – Cloudscape, San Francisco, California

Ennead Architects - Taopu HERO Innovation Hub, Shanghai, China

HOK - 4th and Harrison Mixed-use Development, San Francisco, California

Belzberg Architects - West Olympic Science Hub, Los Angeles, California

Eric Owen Moss Architects - Reese Davidson Community, Los Angeles, California

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MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING

University of Arkansas Community Design Center - 7Hills Day Center Complex, Fayetteville, Arkansas

University of Arkansas Community Design Center - New Beginnings Homeless Transition Village Prototype, Fayetteville, Arkansas

SHoP Architects - PIER 4 Project, Boston, Massachusetts

DLR Group - The Triumph - Community-Based Short Term Family Housing, Washington, District of Columbia

PRIVATE HOUSES

Messana O'Rorke Architects - The Jewel Box, New York, New York

Engelking Architect - Wuehrer House, East Hampton, New York

Belzberg Architects - Camelback Residence, Paradise Valley, Arizona

CCY Architects - Meadow House, Aspen, Colorado

MINARC - Mildred Residence, Venice, California

Aidlin Darling Design - High Desert Retreat, Palm Desert, California

David Jameson Architect - Manifold House, Arlington, Virginia

Alterstudio - Highland Park Residence, Austin, Texas

ISA - Interface Studio Architects - XS House, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

David Jameson Architect - Wildcat Mountain Residence, The Plains, Virginia

Snow Kreilich Architects - X House, Minneapolis Minnesota

XTEN Architecture - Skyhouse, Los Angeles, California

Abramson Architects - The Palisades House, Pacific Palisades, California

Ehrlich Yanai Rhee Chaney Architects - Ridge Mountain, Palm Springs, California

Roger Ferris + Partners - Pool House, Westport, Connecticut

Swatt I Miers Architects - Cheng-Brier House, Tiburon, California

LakelFlato Architects - Aegean Pool House, Mineola, Texas

LakelFlato Architects - Ishawooa Mesa Ranch, Cody, Wyoming

Charles Rose Architects - Bluff House, Croton-on-Hudson, New York, New York

SsD - Simgok Place, Seoul, South Korea

PUBLIC SPACE

designLAB architects - Worcester Blackstone Visitors Center, Worcester, Massachusetts

Ehrlich Yanai Rhee Chaney Architects - The Culver Steps, Culver City, California

Metcalfe Architecture & Design, LLC. - Whiting Forest of Dow Gardens, Midland, Michigan

LakelFlato Architects + Matsys - Confluence Park. San Antonio, Texas

Stack + Co. - Warp House, Boston, Massachusetts

UNITEDLAB Associates - Cloud Forestsm Pavilion for Children's Play, Hwaseong, South Korea

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RELIGIOUS BUILDINGS

Archimania - Garden Chapel Pavilion, Memphis, Tennessee

Mark Cavagnero Associates - Saint Mary's College High School Student Chapel
Albany, California

BNIM - Lutheran Church of Hope-Grimes, Grimes, Iowa

RETAIL/SHOWROOMS

Dake Wells Architecture - Sunshine and National Retail Center, Springfield, Missouri

David Jameson Architect - Sherber + Rad, Washington, DC

atelierRISTING llc. - Glass Cabin, Fairbank, Iowa

Gensler - Cadillac House in Shanghai, Shanghai, China

Montalba Architects, Inc. – BLDWN, Los Angeles, California

Desai Chia Architecture - AFNY Project 6 Showroom, New York, New York

RESTORATION/RENOVATION

Woofter Architecture - PSU Stott Center Renovation + Viking Pavilion, Portland, Oregon

Aidlin Darling Design - Terrace House, San Francisco, California

Spectorgroup/ Perkins Eastman Architects - Audible Innovation Cathedral, Newark, New Jersey

Foster + Partners - Apple Carnegie Library, Washington D.C.

Alexander Gorlin Architects - Bell Works, Holmdel, New Jersey

Hughes Umbanhowar – Mashta, Key Biscayne, Florida

Roth Sheppard Architects - Rabbit House, Denver, Colorado

Practice for Architecture and Urbanism - Domino Sugar Refinery, Brooklyn, New York

Bone / Levine Architects - Anthology Film Archives Completion Project, New York, New York

Touloukian Touloukian Inc. - Terminal B, Boston, Massachusetts

SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES

Centerbrook Architects and Planners - Karsh Alumni and Visitors Center, Duke University
Durham, North Carolina

Mitchell Giurgola - 370 Jay Street, New York University, Brooklyn, New York

Gensler - Columbia College Student Center, Chicago, Illinois

Payette - Amherst College New Science Center, Amherst, Massachusetts

KieranTimberland - Brown University, Engineering Research Center, Providence, Rhode Island

Ennead Architects - Stanford University, Denning House, Stanford, California

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William Rawn Associates, Architects, Inc. with Arrowstreet Architecture & Design – King Open Elementary / Cambridge Street Upper Schools and Community Complex, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Weiss/Manfredi Architects – Tsai Center for Innovative Thinking at Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut

CO Architects – University of Arizona Health Sciences Innovation Building, Tucson, Arizona

BVH Architecture – Nebraska Center for Advanced Professional Studies, Fairfield, Nebraska

Montalba Architects, Inc. – Headspace SM Campus, Santa Monica, California

The Miller Hull Partnership, LLP. in collaboration with Lord Aeck Sargent, a Ketterra Company – Kendeda Building for Innovative Sustainable Design, Georgia Institute of Technology

SPORTS AND LEISURE

FGP Atelier/ Taller ADG – Centro Deportivo Alfredo Harp Helú Stadium, México City, México

Elkus Manfredi Architects – The Auerbach Center, Boston, Massachusetts

BVH Architecture – Niobrara River Valley Preserve Center, Johnstown, Nebraska

BLUR Workshop – Colorado Active Sports Entertainment Facility, Centennial, Colorado

TRANSPORTATION

Dake Wells Architecture – Springfield Underground Command Station, Springfield, Missouri

Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects – Salesforce Transit Center, San Francisco, California

URBAN PLANNING/LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates PC. – NYCHA Red Hook Houses Sandy Resiliency and Renewal Program, Brooklyn, New York

W Architecture and Landscape Architecture LLC. - The Edge Park, Brooklyn, New York

SurfaceDesign, Inc. – The Auckland International Airport Landscape, Auckland, New Zealand

PWP Landscape Architecture – Glenstone Museum, Potomac, Maryland

All Awarded buildings can be viewed at The Museum's website in an on-line exhibition at chi-athenaeum.org.

The American Architecture Awards, founded 26 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.

The 2020 Awards Presentation/Galla Dinner was to be held in Los Angeles, but has been postponed

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until next year due to the Corona Virus/COVID-19 Pandemic. A notice will be sent when the event is rescheduled.

All awarded buildings and urban planning projects are presented in (Global Design + Urbanism XX) *New American Architecture 2020* published by Metropolitan Arts Press Ltd.

Books can be purchased by contacting The Chicago Athenaeum or on-line at metropolitanartspress.com.

The deadline for the 2021 American Architecture Awards is February 1, 2021.

Applications for 2021 are available on line at chi-athenaeum.org.

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NOTE TO REPORTERS AND EDITORS: Photos of the 2020 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

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About The European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies (europeanarch.eu) is dedicated to public education concerning all aspects of the built environment - from entire cities to individual buildings - including the philosophical issues of arts and culture that ultimately give the final shape to design. A high emphasis exists on contemporary values and aesthetics, conservation and sustainability, and the theoretical exploration and advancement of art and design as the highest expression of culture and urbanism.