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*Photo: Benedicta Arts Center Expansion, College of St. Benedict.*



## **AIA Minnesota Announces 2006 Honor and Divine Detail Awards**

*Minneapolis, Minnesota* -- Ten honor awards and one divine detail award were announced at the 72nd AIA Minnesota Annual Convention and Exhibition, held Tuesday, November 14 through Friday, November 17, 2006. The jury, consisting of three nationally recognized architects from out-of-state firms, reviewed the 128 honor and 19 divine detail project submissions from Minnesota architectural firms. The Honor Awards were reviewed in the five categories of Architecture, Housing, Interiors, Restoration & Renovation and Urban Design and Master Planning.

The jurors were Ann Beha, FAIA, Ann Beha Architects, Inc., Pierre Thibault, RAIC, Pierre Thibault Architecte and Michael McInturf, Michael McInturf Architects. After jurying all of the work, they commented, "Among the many high-quality projects we reviewed, quite a number engaged with the landscape or urban setting in a way that changed the nature of the experience of those settings. That's very high ground. That's what architects are supposed to do."

The Honor Awards program, a tribute to architectural excellence, encourages a high level of architecture, recognizes the clients and architects who have distinguished themselves, and informs the public of these important architectural contributions. The following ten projects won a 2006 Honor Award:

Project: Loon's Nest  
Location: Emily, Minnesota  
Architect: SALA Architects, Inc.  
Client: Thomand and Alvina O'Brien

Project: Arado weeHouse  
Location: Pepin, Wisconsin  
Architect: Alchemy, LLC  
Client: Stephanie Arado

Project: House Extension  
Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Architect: CITYDESKSTUDIO, INC.  
Client: Dean Family

Project: EYE-POD  
Location: Chaska, Minnesota  
Architect: Cermak Rhoades Architects  
Client: Minnesota Landscape Arboretum & Science Museum of Minnesota

Project: West-Side Apartment  
Location: New York, New York  
Architect: VJAArchitects  
Client: Information withheld at client's request

Project: TEMPO  
Location: Husnes, Kvinnherad, Norway  
Architect: Laboratory for Environments, Architecture & Design (LEAD, Inc.)  
Client: Sør-Norge Aluminium AS

Project: University of Alaska Museum of the North  
Location: Fairbanks, Alaska  
Architect: Hammel, Green and Abrahamson, Inc.  
Client: University of Alaska - Fairbanks

Project: St. Croix Lutheran High School Chapel  
Location: West St. Paul, Minnesota  
Architect: Kodet Architectural Group, Ltd.  
Client: St. Croix Lutheran High School

Project: Breck School Commons  
Location: Golden Valley, Minnesota  
Architect: Julie Snow Architects, Inc.  
Client: Breck School

Project: The Benedicta Art Center Expansion, College of Saint Benedict  
Location: St. Joseph, Minnesota  
Architect: Hammel, Green and Abrahamson, Inc.  
Client: College of St. Benedict

The Divine Detail Awards were established to recognize elements of building design where the expression of materials, technologies and craft bond with the process of invention and construction and recognize the importance of the detail to the realization of the whole. The following project won a 2006 Divine Detail Award:

Project: Tria House  
Architect: BKV Group  
Location: Chaska, Minnesota  
Client: University of Minnesota – Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

The awards will be officially presented to the recipients at the Friday, December 1, 2006 Awards Celebration at Metropolitan Ballroom, Minneapolis. Other AIA Minnesota awards to be presented include: Young Architects Award, Special Award, Louis Lundgren Award, 25-Year Award and the Gold Medal Award, given to Milo Thompson, FAIA, Bentz Thompson Rietow Architects.

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