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AIA Minnesota Announces 2008 Honor Awards

Minneapolis, Minnesota -- Eleven honor awards were announced at the 74th AIA Minnesota Annual Convention and Exhibition, held Tuesday, November 11 through Friday, November 14, 2008. The jury, consisting of three nationally recognized architects from out-of-state firms, reviewed the 104 honor award 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 Merrill Elam, FAIA, of Mack Scogin Merrill Elam Architects (Atlanta, GA), Bruce Fowle, FAIA, of FXFOWLE (New York, NY), and Sebastian Schamling, AIA, of Johnsen Schmalming Architects (Milwaukee, WI). After jurying all of the submissions, they all agreed that Minnesota architecture has a unique style all its own and the simplicity yet functionality of the winning projects are what set them apart from the rest. 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 eleven projects won a 2008 Honor Award:

Project: Yingst Residence
Location: Empire, Michigan
Architect: SALMELA Architect
Client: The Yingst Family

Project: Hawks Boots
Location: Duluth, Minnesota
Architect: SALMELA Architect
Client: Hawks Boots

Project: B'nai Israel Synagogue
Location: Rochester, Minnesota
Architect: Hammel, Green and Abrahamson, Inc.
Client: B'nai Israel Synagogue

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Project: Saint John's Abbey & Monastery Guesthouse
Location: Collegeville, Minnesota
Architect: VJAA
Client: Saint John's Abbey

Project: The Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Location: Collegeville, Minnesota
Architect: VJAA
Client: Saint John's Abbey

Project: Gladstone Community Center & Natatorium
Location: Gladstone, Missouri
Architect: Ankeny Kell Architects
Client: City of Gladstone and North Kansas City School District

Project: St. Cloud Technical College, Workforce Center Addition and Renovation
Location: St. Cloud, Minnesota
Architect: Perkins + Will
Client: St. Cloud Technical College

Project: PINE/*Cone*
Location: Chaska, Minnesota
Architect: SALA Architects, Inc.
Client: Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

Project: Charles Hostler Student Center
Location: Beirut, Lebanon
Architect: VJAA
Client: American University of Beirut

Project: Mayo Plan #1
Location: Rochester, Minnesota
Architect: ALTUS Architecture + Design, Coen + Partners, & SALMELA Architect
Client: Mayo Family

Project: The Whitney Loft Renovation
Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Architect: Alchemy, LLC
Client: Will Hopkins and Mary K. Baumann

The awards will be officially presented to the recipients at the Friday, December 5, 2008 Awards Celebration at the McNamara Alumni Center, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. Other AIA Minnesota awards to be presented include: Young Architects Award, Special Award, Louis Lundgren Award, 25-Year Award and the Gold Medal, presented to David Salmela, FAIA.