AIA Minnesota Announces Nine Honor Award Recipients

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA – Nine Honor Awards were announced at the 79th AIA Minnesota Annual Convention and Exhibition, on Thursday November 14. The jury, consisting of principals from three nationally recognized architects firms, reviewed 66 honor awards submissions, all from Minnesota architectural firms. The Honor Awards were reviewed within five categories: Architecture, Interiors, Restoration & Renovation, Urban Design and Master Planning, and Small Project.

The Honor Awards Jurors included: Ben Gilmartin, AIA, principal, Diller Scofidio + Renfro, New York; E.B. Min, AIA, principal, Min | Day, San Francisco; and George Z. Nikolajevich, FAIA, principal, Cannon Design, St. Louis. Jurors said that these nine submissions gave a real snapshot of the meaning of architecture today.

The Honor Awards, a tribute to architectural excellence, encourage 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 Nine projects won a 2013 AIA Minnesota Honor Award:

**U.S. Land Port of Entry**
Firm of Record: Julie Snow Architects, Inc.; Design Architect in collaboration with Robert Siegel Architects; Architect of Record
Photo credit: Paul Crosby
Project Location: Van Buren, ME
Client’s Name: United States General Services Administration (GSA)

**Macalester College, Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center**
Firm of Record: HGA Architects and Engineers (HGA)
Photo credit: Paul Crosby
Project Location: St. Paul, Minnesota
Client’s Name: Macalester College
Drexel University College of Media Arts and Design URBN Center
Firm of Record: MSR (Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle, Ltd.)
Photo credit: Lara Swimmer
Project Location: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Client’s Name: Drexel University

Carleton College Weitz Center for Creativity
Firm of Record: MSR (Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle, Ltd.)
Photo credit: Brandon Stengel
Project Location: Northfield, Minnesota
Client’s Name: Carleton College

Target Plaza Commons
Firm of Record: Design Architect: Julie Snow Architects Inc. Architect of Record: Ryan A+E, Inc.
Photo credit: Paul Crosby
Project Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Client’s Name: Target Corporation

Union Depot Multi-Modal Transit and Transportation Hub
Firm of Record: HGA Architects and Engineers (HGA)
Photo credit: Paul Crosby
Project Location: Lowertown - St. Paul, MN
Client’s Name: Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority
Honor Awards will be officially presented to recipients on Friday, December 6, at the 2013 Awards Celebration at McNamara Alumni Center at the University of Minnesota, in Minneapolis. The Celebration will showcase AIA Minnesota’s highest-level firm award, the AIA Minnesota 2013 Firm Award that will be presented to Cuningham Group Architecture, Inc. (Cunningham Group®).

Other AIA Minnesota awards to be presented that evening will include: Young Architects Awards, Special Awards, 25-Year Award, Affordable Housing Design Award, and Louis Lundgren Award. For more information about the Honor Awards or the December 6 Awards Celebration, go to www.aia-mn.org or contact Mary Larkin at larkin@aia-mn.org for high resolution Honor Award photos.

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