

AIA Minnesota Announces Eleven 2015 Honor Award Recipients

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MINNEAPOLIS, MN – Eleven 2015 AIA Minnesota Honor Awards were announced at the 81st AIA Minnesota Annual Convention and Exhibition, on Thursday November 12. The Honor Awards jury, consisting of principals from three internationally recognized architectural firms, reviewed 78 submissions – all from Minnesota architectural firms. Submissions were reviewed within five categories: Architecture, Interiors, Restoration & Renovation, Urban Design and Master Planning, and Small Project.

AIA Minnesota Honor Awards are a tribute to architectural excellence. The award encourages a high level of architectural design, recognizes the clients and architects who have distinguished themselves, and informs the public of these important architectural contributions.

The Honor Awards Jurors included: **Paul Mankins, FAIA**, Principal at substance architecture, Des Moines; **Marianne McKenna, AIA**, Founding Partner, KPMB Architects, Toronto, Ontario; **Edward A. Vance, FAIA**, Founder & CEO, EV&A Architects, Las Vegas. These jurors remarked that they found they had re-occurring themes while selecting the award winners. They felt a heightened sensitive for submissions for projects with a reduced palette of materials and for submissions that reflected an overall sense of simplicity.

AIA Minnesota Honor Awards will be presented to recipients on Friday, December 4, at the 2015 Awards Dinner at the Minnesota History Center, at 345 Kellogg Blvd W. in St. Paul. The dinner will also showcase AIA Minnesota's 2015 Firm Award recipient architectural firm BWBR of St. Paul.

Other AIA Minnesota awards to be presented that evening: Young Architects Awards, Special Awards, 25 Year Award, Affordable Housing Design Award, and the Louis Lundgren Award.

Find the list of 2015 Honor Award Winners on the following pages.



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2015 AIA Minnesota Honor Award Winners

Project Name: Bedford Hall Addition and Renovation at Longwood University

Firm of Record: HGA Architects and Engineers (HGA)

Photo credit: Loren Peter Ahles

Project Location: Farmville, Virginia

Client's Name: Longwood University

Project Team: Principal, Gary Reetz, FAIA; Project Manager: Jamie Milne Rojek, AIA, NCARB; Project Designers: Loren Ahles, FAIA;

Steven Dwyer, AIA; and Project Architect: Rebecca Krull Kraling, AIA

The jury remarked that the renovation of this “un-loved” section of the school reflected a high level of difficulty. They appreciated how the new design was skillfully “weaved” into the existing campus.



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Project Name: CHS Field

Firm of Record: Snow Kreilich Architects (Design Architect), Ryan A+E (Architect of Record), and AECOM

Photo credit: Paul Crosby

Project Location: St. Paul

Client's Name: City of Saint Paul & St. Paul Saints

Project Team: Design Architect: Snow

Kreilich Architects - Design Principals: Julie Snow, FAIA; Matthew Kreilich, AIA, LEED AP; Project Lead Designer: Andrew Dull, Associate AIA, LEED AP; Project Architect/Project Manager: Tyson McElvain, AIA, LEED AP; Project Team Members: Cameron Bence, Assoc. AIA; Michael Heller, Assoc. AIA; Kai Salmela, and Matt Rain. Architect of Record: Ryan A+E, Inc. - Principal-in-charge: Mike Ryan, AIA, LEED AP; Project Lead Designer: Logan Gerken, AIA, LEED AP, NCARB; Project Manager: Logan Gerken, AIA, LEED AP, NCARB; Project Architect: Eric Morin, AIA, NCARB; and Project Team Members: Ayman Arafa, AIA and member of Egyptian Syndicate of Engineers; Sebastian Marquez; Tony Solberg, AIA NCARB; and Jim Larson, AIA

The jury felt this was the strongest urban design project submitted for award this year. They remarked that they have never seen such an elegant design for any ballpark - large or small.



Project Name: Family Retreat

Firm of Record: Salmela Architect

Photo credit: Paul Crosby

Project Location: Herbster, WI

Client's Name: Confidential

Project Team: Principal Architect: David D. Salmela, FAIA, and Project Intern Architect: David Getty

The jury said they instantly loved this project, that it “unveiled itself in different ways, only using a handful of materials in its design.”



Project Name: Fast Horse
Firm of Record: Salmela Architect
Photo credit: Paul Crosby
Project Location: Minneapolis
Client's Name: Fast Horse Inc.
 (Glennelmer LLC)
Project Team: Principal Architect: David Salmela, FAIA; Project Architect: Malini Srivastava, AIA; Project Team Members: Darin Duch, Stephanie Getty, and David Getty
 The jury said that this project reaches beyond the boundaries of the property to enhance the surrounding urban design. They felt that this was a truly great design.



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Project Name: Mississippi View Apartment
Firm of Record: Kara Hill Studio
Photo credit: Loren Ahles, FAIA
Project Location: Minneapolis
Client's Name: Confidential
Project Team: Project Team Members/
 Architects: Kara Hill, AIA and Loren Ahles,
 FAIA
 The jury remarked that there was “a gifted hand behind the baton that created this renovation design.” They felt the linking of the two residential units to elongate the space reflected an elegant simplicity.



Project Name: Nordic Light
Firm of Record: D/O
Photo credit: Chad Holder
Project Location: St. Paul
Client's Name: Confidential
Project Team: Project Architect: John Dwyer, AIA, and Landscape Designer: Colin Oglesbay, Assoc. AIA
 The jury said this was a well-composed elevation of a simple project – one that appears very modest, with striking colors and a very intentional use of materials.





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Project Name: North Hennepin Community College Biosciences & Health Careers Center

Firm of Record: Perkins+Will

Photo credit: Corey Gaffer

Project Location: Brooklyn Park, MN

Client's Name: North Hennepin Community College and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

Project Team: Heidi Costello; Dave Dimond, AIA; Mark Enlow; Ryan Forster, AIA; Peter Graffunder, AIA; Susie Nelson; Paul Neuhaus, AIA; Bob Novak, AIA; John Spohn; Dave Koenen; Andrew Kordon, Assoc. AIA; Laura Lyndgaard-Kamin; Anna McGee, Assoc. AIA; Ana Nelson; and Jeff Ziebarth, AIA
The jury remarked that this project represents a complex program that is well detailed and straightforward. They felt its low-slung design fit well within the surrounding prairie environment.



Project Name: Ordway – Concert Hall & Production Wing Expansion and Remodeling

Firm of Record: HGA Architects and Engineers (HGA)

Photo credit: Paul Crosby

Project Location: St. Paul

Client's Name: Ordway Center for the Performing Arts

Project Team: Principal-in-charge: Daniel Avchen, FAIA; Project lead designer: Tim Carl, FAIA, LEED AP BD+C; Project manager: Jamie Milne Rojek, AIA, NCARB; Architecture team: Cheryl Amdal; Nancy Blankfard, AIA; Andrew Dull; Rebecca Krull Kraling, AIA; Steven Philippi; Ernesto Ruiz-Garcia, AIA; and Jesse Zeien, AIA
The jury remarked that this project, with its elegant sense of simplicity, absolutely had to be recognized. They admired how it fit perfectly into a very tight, urban site.



Project Name: Surly Brewing MSP

Firm of Record: HGA Architects and Engineers (HGA)

Photo credit: Paul Crosby

Project Location: Minneapolis

Client's Name: Surly Brewing Company

Project Team: Principal-in-charge: Mia Blanchett, AIA, LEED AP; Project Lead Designer: Steven Dwyer, AIA, LEED AP; Project Manager: Johanna Harris, PE; Project Architect: Rob Good, AIA, LEED AP; Project Team Members: John Cook, FAIA; Alex Terzich, AIA; Jesse Zeien, AIA; Jennifer McMaster, AIA; Robert Johnson Miller, LEED AP; Rich Firkins; Joe Tarlizzo, LEED AP; Eric Biederman; and Pete Wittmers
The jury remarked that this brash, industrial project's exterior space was really what most grabbed their attention – that the project almost straddled the line into urban design.



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Project Name: Whitetail Woods
Regional Park Cabins

Firm of Record: HGA Architects and
Engineers (HGA)

Photo credit: Paul Crosby

Project Location: Empire Township,
MN

Client's Name: Dakota County

Project Team: Principal-in-charge: Jim
Goblirsch, AIA, LEED AP; Project Lead
Designer: Steven Dwyer, AIA, LEED AP;
Project Manager: Erica Christenson, ASLA; and Project Architect: Rob Good, AIA, NCARB,
LEED AP

The jury felt the project's design "touched the forest lightly" and brings a respect to the environment in which the cabins reside. They felt it was important that this inspirational site is available to the public at a modest fee.



Project Name: Xcel Energy
Hiawatha West and Midtown
Substation Enclosures

Firm of Record: Alliance

Photo credit: Brandon Stengel

Project Location:
Minneapolis

Client's Name: Xcel Energy

Project Team: Principal-in-charge & Project Manager: Ken Sheehan, AIA; Lead
Designer: Nina Ebbighausen, AIA; Project Team Members: Carrie Bly, AIA; and Amber
Sausen, Assoc. AIA (Sausen for Hiawatha West project only.)

The jury enjoyed that the designers did not try to mask what the project was, but chose to selectively reveal what was inside the site. They felt the materials used were spectacular.



For more information about the Honor Awards, go to <http://www.aia-mn.org/get-involved/aia-minnesota-awards/honor-awards/> or contact Mary Larkin at larkin@aia-mn.org for high-resolution Honor Award images.

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