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AIA Minnesota Announces Recipients for 2015 Architect of Distinction Award & 2015 Emerging Talent Award

MINNEAPOLIS, MN -- AIA Minnesota is pleased to announce recipients for two annual AIA Minnesota residential architect awards:



2015 Architect of Distinction - Dale Mulfinger, FAIA, SALA Architects, Inc.

Mulfinger, FAIA, is a founding partner and principal emeritus of SALA Architects. He has served as mentor to many architects and has taught architectural studios at the University of Minnesota and other schools since 1976. Mulfinger is the author of many books about architecture, including *The Architecture of Edwin Lundie* and studies of cabins. He is a fellow of the American Institute of Architects.

Mulfinger is also respected for contributions made to the architecture industry through active participation in AIA Minnesota, notably his involvement in the creation of the Homes by Architects Tour.

The jury described Mulfinger's designs as "beautifully composed, exhibiting mastery over a huge range of styles." They remarked that his work "demonstrates a willingness to be experimental." One juror noted, "I can feel the joy this architect experiences throughout the entire design process."



2015 Emerging Talent of the Year Award - Michael Roehr, AIA, RoehrSchmitt Architecture

Roehr is a principal at RoehrSchmitt Architecture. After first earning a degree in philosophy he received his Master of Architecture degree from the University of Minnesota. Prior to his tenure at RoehrSchmitt Architecture, Roehr worked as a designer with HGA and Ryan Companies. He has been a licensed architect since 2009.

The jury was impressed by Roehr's ability to approach each project with a fresh perspective and by his bold use of color and unconventional materials. They described his work as illustrating "a mastery of skills, playfulness, with a little bit of cynicism thrown in." Jurors felt his work successfully demonstrates a high level of craft and innovation in design.

The jury for both awards included Chris Strom, AIA, Christopher Strom Architects; Katherine Hillbrand, AIA, SALA Architects, Inc.; Blaine Brownell, AIA, University of Minnesota School of Architecture; and Chris Lee, editor with *Midwest Home*.

Mulfinger and Roehr will be recognized in the upcoming issue of *Midwest Homes* magazine and at an April *Midwest Homes* "Mingler" event - date and location to be announced.

For more information, visit <https://www.aia-mn.org/get-involved/aia-minnesota-awards/architect-distinction-award/>.

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