

AIA Minnesota Announces Recipients of 2017 Architect of Distinction Award & 2017 Emerging Talent of the Year Award

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MINNEAPOLIS, MN – AIA Minnesota is pleased to announce the latest recipients of two annual residential architecture awards.



2017 Architect of Distinction – Christine L. Albertsson, AIA, Albertsson Hansen Architecture, Ltd.

Albertsson, AIA, is a founding partner and principal of Albertsson Hansen Architecture. Christine received her master of architecture degree from the University of Pennsylvania and worked for several prominent Minnesota firms before founding her own firm. Her award-winning work has been featured in local, national, and international publications and she has served on the Board of Directors for the American Institute of Architects Minnesota chapter.

Albertsson has also worked to expose young people to architecture by creating a grade school mentorship program that introduces students to the profession.

The jury commented that Albertsson’s work demonstrates that she “has reached a level of mastery of her craft” and described her design style as “thoughtful, surprising, and delightful.”

2017 Emerging Talent of the Year – Jody McGuire, AIA, SALA Architects



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McGuire is currently an associate at SALA Architects in Minneapolis. She earned a master of architecture degree at Yale University and worked in New Haven, CT, and Osaka, Japan, among other places, before joining SALA.

Jody is an adjunct professor at the School of Architecture at the University of Minnesota and a member of AIA Minnesota.

Jurors remarked that McGuire’s work shows “playfulness and adventurousness” while also being well-organized. They felt her work represented an architect who is developing her own, strong voice.

The jury for both awards included Mark Larson, AIA, Rehkamp Larson Architects; Bob Ganser, AIA, MSR Design; Andrea Johnson, AIA, University of Minnesota School of Architecture; and Chris Lee, editor with *Midwest Home*.

Albertsson and McGuire will be recognized in an upcoming issue of *Midwest Home* magazine and at an April *Midwest Home* “Mingler” event (date and location to be announced).

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

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