



A Chapter of The American Institute of Architects

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **The American Institute of Architects (Denver) Recognizes 2011 Achievements in Architecture**

**DENVER (Sept. 27, 2011)** — The American Institute of Architects (AIA), Denver chapter, recognized its 2011 architectural design, honor and president's awards recipients during a ceremony on Friday, Sept. 23, at the Denver Botanic Gardens.

#### **AIA Denver 2011 Design Awards**

The following nine architectural design awards were selected from 62 entries submitted by members of AIA Denver and judged by a jury of architects and design experts. These were presented by AIA Denver Design Awards Jury Chair Merrill Elam, AIA, of Mack Scogin Merrill Elam Architects (Atlanta). (Note: honor awards are the highest achievement, followed by merit, then citation.)

#### **Honor Award for Built Architecture**

Project: Denver Botanic Gardens Parking Structure and Mordecai Children's Garden (Denver)  
Firm/Architect: Tryba Architects (Denver)

#### **Merit Award for Built Architecture**

Project: Mineta San Jose International Airport, Terminal B (San Jose, Calif.)  
Firm/Architect: Fentress Architects (Denver)

#### **Merit Award for Built Architecture**

Project: Denver Central Platte Campus (Denver)  
Firm/Architect: RNL (Denver)

#### **Merit Award for Built Architecture**

Project: Cherry Creek Medical (Denver)  
Firm/Architect: Sexton Lawton Architecture (Denver)

#### **Merit Award for Built Architecture**

Project: Denver Botanic Gardens Bonfils Stanton Visitors Center (Denver)  
Firm/Architect: Tryba Architects (Denver)

#### **Citation Award for Built Architecture:**

Project: Mineta San Jose International Airport CONRAC and Public Parking (San Jose, Calif.)  
Firm/Architect: TranSystems (Phoenix) and Fentress Architects (Denver)

#### **Citation Award for Built Architecture**

Project: U.S. Department of Energy's Research Support Facility at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (Golden, Colo.)  
Firm/Architect: RNL (Denver)

#### **Citation Award for Built Architecture**

Project: Freight (Denver)  
Firm/Architect: Stephen Dynia Architects (Denver and Jackson, Wyo.)

#### **Citation Award for Unbuilt Architecture**

Project: Belmar Childcare #12 (Lakewood, Colo.)  
Firm/Architect: Faleide Architecture Studio P.C. (Denver) and Carsten Roth Architekt (Hamburg, Germany)

#### **AIA Denver 2011 Honor Awards**

In addition to the design awards, five honor awards were presented by AIA Denver 2011 Honor Awards Jury Chair Kin DuBois, FAIA. AIA Denver 2011 Honor Awards Jury included Gary Desmond, FAIA; David Tryba, FAIA; Tania Salgado, AIA; and Chris Kastelic, AIA.

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**James S. Sudler, AIA, Award For Contribution to AIA Denver**

Brad Buchanan, FAIA

*This award recognizes an outstanding contribution to the chapter, including achievements of people who have, by their professionalism, dedication, leadership, ability and commitment, improved the quality of services offered by AIA Denver.*

**25 Year Award**

Denver Center for Performing Arts (Denver)

*This award recognizes the enduring quality of architectural design, through a project in the AIA Denver chapter area that has withstood the “test of time” and still functions in its original capacity.*

**Young Architect of the Year Award**

Brad Tomecek, AIA, Studio H:T (Denver)

*This award recognizes significant contributions made during the early stages of an architect’s career, which exemplify outstanding built or unbuilt work of any scale, as well as projects, initiatives and brilliant beginnings that warrant attention from the profession or the public.*

**Phil Milstein Award for Contributions by a Non-Architect**

Carla Madison, Denver City Councilwoman (posthumous)

*This award recognizes outstanding accomplishments by a non-architect in the AIA Denver chapter for contributing to the quality of the built environment.*

**Lifetime Achievement Award**

Michael Brendle, FAIA

*This award recognizes an architect who has made significant contributions to AIA, the profession and the citizens of Denver.*

**AIA Denver 2011 President’s Awards**

Finally, three President’s Awards were presented by AIA Denver 2011 President Kitty Yuen, AIA. These awards are presented to individuals or groups who have made extraordinary contributions in supporting the mission of AIA Denver or local architecture and are selected at the discretion of the chapter president.

- Martha Bennett, FAIA, President’s Diversity Legacy Award
- Tania Salgado, AIA
- AIA Denver AIA+2030 Professional Series Task Force

**About AIA & AIA Denver**

*For more than 150 years, members of The American Institute of Architects (AIA) have worked with each other and their communities to create more valuable, healthy, secure and sustainable buildings and cityscapes. AIA members have access to the right people, knowledge and tools to create better design, and through such resources and access, they help clients and communities make their visions real.*

*AIA Denver is one of four chapters within the AIA Colorado component. This chapter is comprised of members from nine counties in the metro Denver area. The voice of the profession of architecture, AIA Denver inspires its members as leaders in the design of the built environment.*

**Editor’s Note:** To receive a copy of the award-winning projects’ descriptions and/or photos, please contact AIA Colorado Membership & Communication Manager Alaina Gonzales at [alaina@aiacolorado.org](mailto:alaina@aiacolorado.org) or 303.446.2266, ext. 116.

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