



A Chapter of the American Institute of Architects

**Politicians, Journalists, Developers, and Architects Honored
For Vision and Commitment to Los Angeles**

AIA/LA Presidential Honors Celebrated at Downtown Event

LOS ANGELES—Honored for their vision and dedication to bettering the built environment of Los Angeles, a roster of architects, developers, politicians, journalists, and educators has been selected to receive Presidential Honors given by William H. Fain, Jr., FAIA, as president of the American Institute of Architects/Los Angeles Chapter. The honorees will be feted during the AIA National Convention, at the World Party, a celebration of LA architecture on June 8th, from 6:30PM-11PM, at Olvera Street. “The Presidential Honors laud special individuals and organizations for their commitment to creating a better Los Angeles,” says Nicci Solomons, executive director of AIA/LA. “We give them along with the AIA/LA Design Awards, which acknowledge the best new architecture projects.”

In an unprecedented move, the Gold Medal Award—the highest honor given by the chapter—goes for the first time to the husband-and-wife team of Craig Hodgetts, FAIA, and Hsin-Ming Fung, AIA, of Hodgetts + Fung Design and Architecture. They have created a variety of notable structures, including the new Hollywood Bowl, Towell Library at UCLA, Sinclair Pavilion at Art Center and the renovation of the Egyptian Theatre. “Hodgetts and Fung are role models for their peers and for generations of designers to come,” says Fain. “They are an exceptionally talented husband-and-wife team and their collaboration draws upon a diverse set of design experiences that have led to their distinctive architectural designs.”

The Spirit of Los Angeles Award will go to Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. “The Mayor is being recognized for his vision for Los Angeles, and the energy and fresh views he brings to the leadership of the city,” notes Fain.

Other honorees: *Building Team of the Year*: The Getty Villa Renovation Team—The J. Paul Getty Trust, Machado & Silvetti Associates, SPF:architects, Kornrandolph, Morley Construction Company. *Building Coalitions*: Grand Avenue Project—Hon. Gloria Molina, LA County Supervisor; Hon. Jan Perry, LA City Councilmember; Jim Thomas, Thomas Properties; Martha Welborne, FAIA, Grand Avenue Committee. *Service to the Community*: Frederick M. Nicholas, Esq., public counsel; Richard Riordan, former LA mayor. *Civic Communicator*: Warren Olney, host, KCRW-FM’s “Which Way LA?” and “To The Point”. *Good Government*: Mark Winogrand, interim LA planning director. *Educator of the Year*: Richard Koshalek, president, The Art Center College of Design; Eric Owen Moss, FAIA, director, Southern California Institute of Architecture (SCI-Arc). *Lifetime Achievement in Education*: Ray Kappe, FAIA, founder, Southern California Institute of Architecture (SCI-Arc). *Public Open Space*: Ruth Coleman, Director of California State Parks. *City Builder*: Nelson C. Rising, Board of Trustees, ProLogis, former Chair and CEO of Catellus Development Corp. *Transportation*: Hon. Zev Yaroslavy, LA County Supervisor. *Historic Preservation*: Hon. Tom LaBonge, LA City Councilmember. *California Heritage*: Professor Kevin Starr, University Professor and Professor of History at the University of Southern California. *25-Year Award*: The Gehry House (1978)—Frank O. Gehry, FAIA. *Honorary AIA/LA*: John H. Welborne, Esq. For more information, contact AIA/Los Angeles at 213.639.0777 or www.aialosangeles.org.

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