

Architecture of the Now and NEXT on Display

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LOS ANGELES—Edgy, inventive, and truly groundbreaking are apt definitions of Los Angeles' architecture. Stellar examples will be on display at the AIA/LA 2008 Design Awards Exhibit, at the A+ D Museum, from July 17th to August 20th. The exhibition displays all the entries and winners of the American Institute of Architects Los Angeles Chapter 2008 Design Awards and NEXT LA Awards. For the first year, AIA/LA is also showing entries and winners of the City of Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Commission's Design Awards.

"Our Design Awards have always acknowledged the best of our current architecture, while the NEXT LA Awards look to future projects," says Nicci Solomons, executive director of AIA/LA. "With the number of great architects in Los Angeles, our chapter awards are known as the most difficult to win nationwide."

Architecture Now and NEXT: AIA/LA Awards Exhibition

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A+D Museum, 5900 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90036; 323.932.9393; www.aplusd.org. Tuesday–Friday 10AM–6PM, Saturday/Sunday 11AM–5PM; general admission \$5, students \$2.50, children 12 years and under free; parking \$5 flat rate.

Large-scale display boards of hundreds of projects vying for the esteemed AIA/LA Awards will be on display for the public to view. Projects range from commercial and civic buildings, to single-family homes and exhibitions, to interiors and public spaces. The AIA/LA Design Awards are for projects that have been completed in the past three years. Looking into the future, the NEXT LA Awards are for projects that are not yet built, but will form the future of our built environment. Also included are the entries and winners of the City of Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Commission's Design Awards

The 2008 Design Awards jury consisted of Craig Dykers, Snøhetta, Oslo, Norway, and New York City; David Lake, FAIA, Lake/Flato Architects, Austin, TX; and Michael Palladino, FAIA, Richard Meier & Partners Architects, Los Angeles. The 2008 Next Awards jury consisted of Paul Danna, AIA, DMJM H&N, Los Angeles; Julie Eizenberg, AIA, Koning Eizenberg Architecture, Los Angeles; Hraztan S. Zeitlian, AIA, Leo A Daly, Los Angeles.

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