

Future, Present, and (Recent) Past of Los Angeles
The Best of LA Architecture on Exhibit and in Discussion

LOS ANGELES—Edgy, inventive, and truly groundbreaking are apt definitions of Los Angeles’ architecture. Stellar examples will be on display at the AIA/LA 2006 Design Awards Exhibit, and will be discussed in June while the architecture world’s attention is turned to LA for the AIA National Convention, June 8th-10th. At this time, the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Institute of Architects will host the display of entries to its 2006 Design Awards, Next LA Awards, and Decade Awards, as well as a roundtable discussion about architecture’s meanings and methods.

“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. “This year, the Decade Awards recognize winning projects from the past 10 years.” The public is invited to attend both events to experience the creative process of architecture in Los Angeles.

The Entries: AIA/LA Awards Exhibition

June 7th to July 10th

Opening Reception: June 9th, 6 PM–9 PM

Southern California Institute of Architecture (SCI-Arc), 960 E. 3rd St., Los Angeles

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 urban plans. 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. To honor excellence from the past 10 years, the Decade Awards will acknowledge past award-winners with a special presentation on the occasion of the AIA National Convention.

Who Says What Architecture Is?

June 9th at 7:30PM

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A lively debate on the various definitions and ramifications of today’s architecture will use the AIA/LA Design Awards entries as background. Moderated by architect and SCI-Arc director Eric Owen Moss, FAIA, the panel comprises architect Thom Mayne, FAIA, of Morphosis; architect Wolf Prix of Coop Himmelb(l)au, architect and AIA/LA President William Fain, FAIA, of Johnson Fain, and architecture writer and radio host/producer Frances Anderton of KCRW-FM. This program is free and open to the public.

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