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AIA/LOS ANGELES ANNOUNCES THE WINNERS OF THE 2ND ANNUAL RESTAURANT DESIGN AWARDS
Meier + Partners' Steakhouse 'Cut's the Mustard with the Judges
Houston's of Santa Monica is Honored, and
Sprinkles Reaps Sweet Rewards



Cut



Sprinkles



Houston's Santa Monica

Los Angeles, CA (November 20, 2006) - The American Institute of Architects/Los Angeles Chapter (AIA/LA) proudly announced the winners of the 2nd annual Restaurant Design Awards (RDAs) at a well-attended reception hosted by Arclinea at the Pacific Design Center on Thursday, November 16th. The award competition, which honored excellence in restaurant design, was open to all individuals and practices (both restaurant owners and architects/designers) for projects located within the greater Los Angeles area, and to LA individuals and practices for projects located within or outside the greater LA area. The distinguished jury included: Hagy Belzberg (Belzberg Architects, and recipient of the 2005 RDAs), Edie Cohen (Deputy Editor, *Interior Design*), Heather John (Senior Editor, *Bon Appetit*), and Sean Adams (Graphic Designer, Adams Morioka).

From an exception and highly-competitive field of 9 finalists, two winners were chosen in the **Restaurant** category and three winners were named in the brand new **Café/Bar/Lounge** category.

"From the elegant to the experimental, we were pleased with the caliber and creativity of the projects," said *Interior Design* Deputy Editor Edie Cohen. The submissions "ingeniously paired good design with delectable cuisine to create truly memorable experiences," agreed

Bon Appétit Senior Editor Heather John. “The bar continues to be raised with each year,” noted architect and 2005 RDAs Winner Hagy Belzberg. The designs were completely satisfying “both on a cerebral and gastronomic level” agreed Graphic Designer Sean Adams.

The winners of the 2006 RDAs are:

RESTAURANT	
Venue	Design
Cut	Richard Meier + Partners Architects
Houston’s (Santa Monica)	Frederick Fisher + Partners

CAFÉ/BAR/LOUNGE	
Venue	Design
Sprinkles Cupcakes	Andrea Lenardin Madden
Westfield Century City Dining Terrace	Westfield Design and Rios Clementi Hale Studios
(Wide) Band Nomadic Café	Griffen Enright Architects

Not to be left out of the competition, Los Angeles revelers and nightlife cognoscenti were also given the opportunity to vote for their favorite, most well-designed nosh spots and watering holes as part of the first-ever People’s Choice Award category. The AIA/Los Angeles logged over 1,800 votes, with the popular vote going to:

RESTAURANT	
Venue	Design
Stack	Graft, LLC

CAFÉ/BAR/LOUNGE	
Venue	Design
Sprinkles Cupcakes	Andrea Lenardin Madden

“The American Institute of Architects is ecstatic with the turnout and enthusiasm we’ve encountered for this program,” said Associate Director of AIA/Los Angeles Carlo Caccavale. “I think we can all agree that good food and good design go exceedingly well together. We congratulate the esteemed winners of the 2006 RDAs and look forward to another stellar competition in 2007.”

About AIA/LA and the RDAs

The American Institute of Architects (AIA) is the voice of the architecture profession, dedicated to serving and empowering its members through advocacy, educational and outreach programs as well as educating the public on the value and importance of architecture. AIA/Los Angeles is a not-for-profit professional membership association. The Restaurant Design Awards (RDAs) honor excellence in restaurant design. The competition is open to all individuals and practices (both restaurant owners and architects/designers) for projects located in the greater Los Angeles area. Submissions are accepted in two main categories: restaurants and café/bar/lounges.