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CAF announces 'Patron of the Year' winners

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The Chicago Architecture Foundation on Wednesday announced the winners of its annual "Patron of the Year" awards. This year's five honorees include the clients for the restoration of the Monroe Building at 104 S. Michigan Ave., the new Poetry Foundation building in River North and the Mansueto Library at the University of Chicago.

The foundation's news release follows:

The Chicago Architecture Foundation honored five outstanding clients of architecture in the Chicago area today during its eighth annual Patron of the Year award ceremony. Held at the JW Marriott hotel, the ceremony was attended by professionals in the architecture and design community from around the country.

Patron of the Year is one of the most unique architecture awards in the city because it honors the client for a project rather than the architect. Awards are given to outstanding patrons of architecture in the categories of commercial, institutional, and governmental buildings.

A distinguished jury, comprised of architects, business, civic and philanthropic leaders selects Patron of the Year award winners from the list of nominations. Jurors convene in person prior to the award ceremony to deliberate over each nominated patron and project.

"Good architecture requires more than a good architect. It requires a great client—a risk-taker," said CAF Board of Trustees Chairman Steven G. M. Stein, senior partner at the law firm Stein Ray LLP, sponsor of the award ceremony.

The 2011 Patron of the Year award winners are:

Commercial

J & J Arnaco LLC

For: The Monroe Building Restoration

Project Architect: Holabird & Root

Designed by Holabird & Roche and built in 1912, the Monroe Building was rescued from residential conversion. The project combines the best elements of restoration with modernization to meet the demands of the building designed for the future. The historic elements of the Romanesque building, including the façade, were restored to the highest preservation standards.

Institutional

The University of Chicago

For: The Joe & Rika Mansueto Library

Project Architect: Murphy/Jahn

The design of this University Library was embraced by the leadership because it represents the mission of the school as a catalyst for the advancement of knowledge. 3.5 million books with an automated storage and retrieval system are stored below grade where the environment can be better controlled at less cost. The entire space is roofed over with 120 x 240-foot glass shell with insulated glazing.

The Poetry Foundation

For: The Poetry Foundation

Project Architect: John Ronan Architects

The Poetry Foundation embarked upon a careful selection process which included the screening of 50 architects from around the world to design a project of the highest quality. This courageous, unique building features a 32'-tall screen wall, public gardens, 30,000-volume library, exhibition gallery, offices and spaces for the Foundation's extensive roster of public programs.

United Neighborhood Organization (UNO)

For: UNO Elementary School

Architect: Ghafari Associates LLC, JGMA

The architectural design of this school responds to UNO's mission by challenging the "status quo" of typical school design. At the core of this inspirational building is the notion that this school will instill confidence in the community and spur development.

Governmental

The Public Building Commission of Chicago

For: South Shore International College Prep

Architects: DeStefano Partners, John Ronan Architects

The new 209,000-square-foot high school provides a more compact and sustainable structure in an urban setting as opposed to the sprawling, unsustainable previous school. This high quality designed school houses 26 academic classrooms, six science labs, five computer labs, four performance and visual arts classrooms, a gymnasium, a natatorium with a six-lane pool, student dining facilities and a campus park. This building has also been designated as the model for all future PBC schools.

All 25 nominees for Patron of the Year 2011 were:

Commercial

1200 N. Lake Shore Drive Condominium Association for 1200 North Lake Shore Drive Restoration (Architect: Wiss, Janney, Elstner Assoc.)

Health Care Service Corporation for the 300 East Randolph Vertical Completion (Architect: Goettsch Partners)

J&J Arnaco LLC for the Monroe Building Restoration (Architect: Holabird & Root)

The Prime Group Inc., Marriott International for the JW Marriott Chicago (Architect: Lucien Lagrange Architects)

more Cupcakes for more Cupcakes (Architect: David Woodhouse Architects)

Neighborhood Development Corporation for The Dana Hotel & Spa (Architect: Eckenhoff Saunders Architects)

Whirlpool Corporation for World of Whirlpool (Architect: Valerio Dewalt Train)

Institutional

Black Ensemble Theater for the Black Ensemble Theater Cultural Center (Architect: Morris Architects Planners)

Chicago Botanic Garden, Chicago Horticultural Society for the Plant Conservation Science Center (Architect: Booth Hansen)

College of DuPage for the Homeland Security Education Center (Architect: Legat Architects, Inc.)

Columbia College Chicago for the Columbia College Media Production Center (Architect: Studio Gang Architects)

Inspiration Corporation for Inspiration Kitchens (Architect: Wheeler Kearns Architects)

Joliet Junior College for the Joliet Junior College Campus Center (Architect: Legat Architects, Inc.)

Loyola University Chicago for the Norville Center for Intercollegiate Athletics (Architect: Solomon Cordwell Buenz)

Museum of Broadcast Communications for the Museum of Broadcast Communication (Architect: Eckenhoff Saunders Architects)

The Poetry Foundation for The Poetry Foundation (Architect: John Ronan Architects)

The University of Chicago for the Joe & Rika Mansueto Library (Architect: Murphy/Jahn)

United Neighborhood Organization (UNO) for UNO Elementary School (Architect: Ghafari Associates LLC, JGMA)

Governmental

Chicago Housing Authority for the Kenmore Apartments (Architect: Holabird & Root)

Chicago Park District for the Buckingham Fountain Restoration Phase II (Architect: Thompson Dyke & Associates, UrbanWorks, Ltd.)

Chicago Park District for Mary Bartelme Park (Architect: Site Design Group, Ltd.)

The Public Building Commission of Chicago for the 23rd District Police Station (Architect: Wright & Company)

The Public Building Commission of Chicago for Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Paideia Community Academy (Architect: Interactive Design, Inc.)

The Public Building Commission of Chicago for Ogden International School of Chicago (Architect: Nagle Hartray Architecture)

The Public Building Commission of Chicago for South Shore International College Prep High School (Architect: DeStefano Partners, John Ronan Architects)

The 2011 Patron of the Year jury:

Stanley Tigerman, Principal, Tigerman McCurry Architects (Jury Chair)

Steven G.M. Stein, Senior Partner, Stein Ray LLP (Honorary Co-Chair)

Joseph Burns, Managing Principal, Thornton Tomasetti

Mary Ann Cronin, President, MAC Consulting Services

Ralph Johnson, National Design Principal, Perkins + Will

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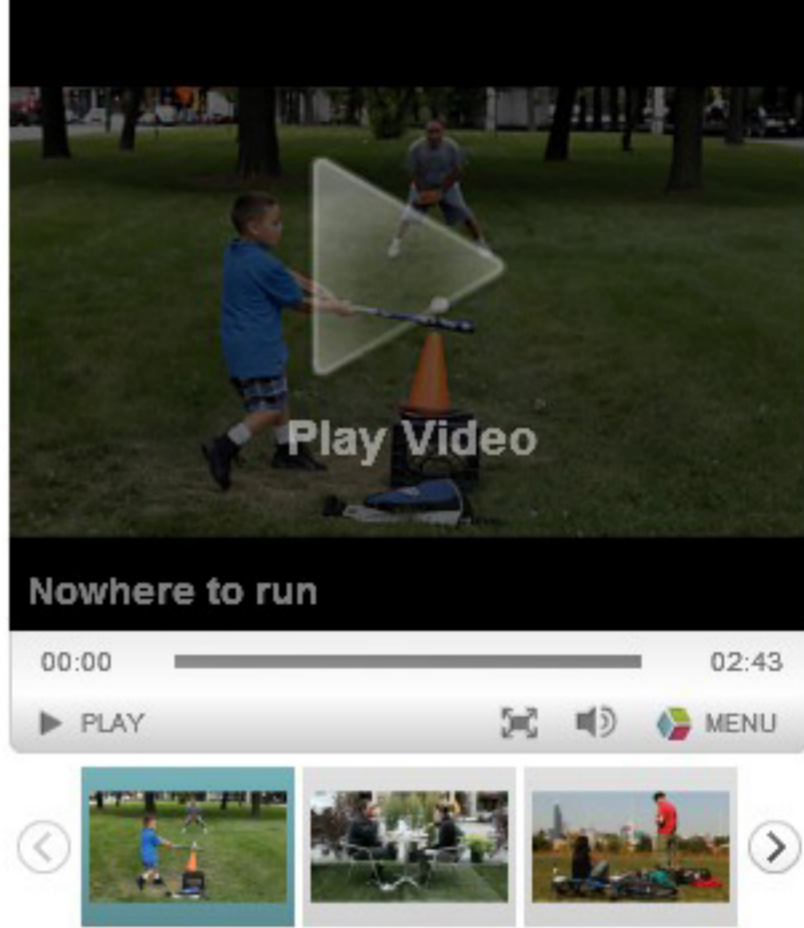
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