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Best in Competition winner Kaohsiung Port Terminal. Photo: Iwan Baan.

AIA New York Announces Design Awards 2025 Recipients

23 winning projects in the categories of Architecture, Interiors, Projects, and Urban Design celebrate the transformational power of design, its role in community building, and the importance of storytelling when delivering on a project's ambitions.

New York City, January 14, 2025 – On Monday, January 13, 2025, a jury of independent architects, educators, and planners from outside New York City convened to select the 2025 winners of the [AIA New York Design Awards](#). Later that evening, the jurors publicly announced the 23 winning projects at a symposium, free and open to the public, hosted at the Center for Architecture and on Zoom.

The selected projects and the architecture firms that designed them represent the exceptional work by AIA New York members and architects practicing in New York City. Awards were conferred in four categories: Architecture, Interiors, Projects, and Urban Design. Each winning project, granted either an “Honor,” “Merit,” or “Citation,” was



chosen for its design quality, response to its context and community, program resolution, innovation, thoughtfulness, and technique. Submitted projects had to be completed by AIANY members or architects/designers practicing in New York or be New York projects designed by architects/designers based elsewhere.

Selected from among over 200 entries, the winning projects range from sweeping public transportation projects such as [Kaohsiung Port Terminal](#) and [Portland International Airport](#) to smaller scale interventions such as the 13'-by-4" wide [Narrow House](#) and the [Manhattan Pet Adoption Center](#). Projects such as the [Rockefeller Center Rink Level Public Concourse](#) were lauded for setting precedents in how large-scale institutional campuses or buildings can open up to the public, even below grade.

“A consistent thread is the power of the narrative of storytelling,” said juror **Michael Guthrie, FAIA, LEED AP**. “Where did the vision start? Where are the diagrams? Give us the illustrative impact because ultimately, we hope that these projects are going to impact people. I think we felt like people-centric projects were paramount and important.”

Of the Best in Competition winner [Kaohsiung Port Terminal](#), juror **Stacy Passmore, PLA, AICP**, said, “We were very impressed by projects that transform the city they’re located in, and I think this was really the top tier example of that. And not just the city, but the harbor and how it interacts with the economy of the city was really important in this project as well.”

The jury noted that Kaohsiung Port Terminal—a catalyst in rethinking the city’s industrial waterfront—inspired so many teachers and students over the past decade, motivated other projects, and was overall very influential in the practice of architecture. Juror **Anna Dyson** described the project’s role in bringing forward innovation in parametric computation: “We saw a lot of airport and infrastructural projects that were indebted to this practice as well. We’re awarding this project not only for the excellence of the architecture, its urbanism, and for the very, very complex programs that come together, but also for its contribution to the field in general.”

We invite you to [browse all winners](#) on our website. The spring issue of [Oculus magazine](#) will include further quotes from the jurors and a review of their discussion.

HONORS AND AWARDS LUNCHEON

Winning projects will be recognized at the [Honors and Awards Luncheon](#), scheduled for Friday, April 25, at Cipriani Wall Street.



EXHIBITION

The Center for Architecture will host an [exhibition of the winning projects](#), opening Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 6:00 pm, and on view through September 2, 2025.

2025 AIANY DESIGN AWARDS JURY

Anna Dyson, Founding Director, Yale Center for Ecosystems + Architecture

Michael Guthrie, FAIA, LEED AP, Partner and Principal, INFORM Studio

Lucas ter Hall, Co-founder, Studio RAP

Stacy Passmore, PLA, AICP, Co-founder and Principal, Superbloom

Brian Phillips, FAIA, Founding Principal, ISA

Troy Schaum, AIA, Principal, Schaum Architects; Associate Professor, Rice University

Melodie Yashar, Vice President, Architecture & Building Performance, ICON;
Professor, ArtCenter College of Design

AIANY DESIGN AWARDS 2025 RECIPIENTS

23 awards conferred

ARCHITECTURE – 17 total (1 best in competition; 3 honors; 8 merits; 5 citations)

INTERIORS – 3 total (2 merits; 1 citation)

PROJECTS – 1 total (1 honor)

URBAN DESIGN – 2 total (2 honor)

BEST IN COMPETITION

Kaohsiung Port Terminal

Architect: Reiser+Umemoto, RUR Architecture DPC

Architect of Record: Fei and Cheng Associates

Location: Kaohsiung City, Taiwan

ARCHITECTURE

HONOR

Cast Iron House

Architect: Shigeru Ban Architects

Architect of Record: Dean Maltz Architect

Restoration Architect: Higgins Quasebarth & Partners

Location: New York, NY



Portland International Airport

Architect: ZGF Architects
Landscape Architect: PLACE
Biophilic Design Consultant: Terrapin Bright Green
Location: Portland, OR

Vesterheim Commons

Architect: Snøhetta
Architect of Record: BNIM
Location: Decorah, IA

MERIT

The Church

Architect: SKOLNICK Architecture + Design Partnership
Landscape Architect: Hollander Design Landscape Architects
Location: Sag Harbor, NY

Equatorial School of Architecture

Design Architects: Erik L'Heureux, FAIA; Campus Design Innovations Group, National University of Singapore
Architect of Record: CPG Consultants
Landscape Architect: DP Green
Location: Singapore

Kresge College Expansion at the University of California, Santa Cruz

Architect: Studio Gang
Associate Architect: TEF Design
Landscape Architects: Joni L. Janecki and Associates; Office of Cheryl Barton
Location: Santa Cruz, CA

The Lindemann Performing Arts Center at Brown University

Architect: REX
Landscape Architect: Stimson
Location: Providence, RI

Narrow House

Architect: Only If Architecture
Location: Brooklyn, NY

Pink House

Architect: Roger Ferris + Partners
Location: Sagaponack, NY



Qiaochengbei Park Visitor Center

Architect: Atelier XI

Architect of Record: Shenzhen Wenke Landscape

Location: Shenzhen, China

University of Toronto Schwartz Reisman Innovation Campus

Architect: Weiss/Manfredi

Architect of Record: Teeple Architects

Location: Toronto, Ontario

CITATION

Citation for Adaptive Mixed-Use Housing

Allen Apartments

Architect: Adam Sokol Architecture Practice

Landscape Architect: Joy Kuebler Landscape Architect

Location: Buffalo, NY

Citation for Affordable Housing

Casa Celina

Architect: Magnusson Architecture and Planning

Landscape Architect: Terrain-NYC

Location: Bronx, NY

Citation for Resilience and Community Impact

Far Rockaway Library

Architect: Snøhetta

Location: Queens, NY

Citation for Innovation in Preservation

Palace Theatre

Architect: PBDW Architects

Architect of Record: Mancini Duffy

Location: New York, NY

Citation for Biodiversity



St. John's Terminal

Architect: COOKFOX Architects
Interior Architect: Gensler
Architect of Record: AAI Architects
Landscape Architect: Future Green Studio
Location: New York, NY

INTERIORS

MERIT

Manhattan Pet Adoption Center

Architect: Studio Joseph
Location: New York, NY

Rockefeller Center Rink Level Public Concourse

Architect: INC Architecture & Design
Location: New York, NY

CITATION

Citation for Materials and Detailing

West Village Townhouse

Architect: JG Neukomm Architecture
Interior Design: Francis Sultana
Location: New York, NY

PROJECTS

HONOR

Biogenic House Sections

Architect: LTL Architects

URBAN DESIGN

HONOR



Blanton Museum of Art Grounds Redesign at the University of Texas at Austin

Design Architect, Landscape Architect: Snøhetta

Architect of Record: Architexas

Location: Austin, TX

Tom Lee Park

Architect: Studio Gang

Landscape Architect: SCAPE

Location: Memphis, TN

About AIA New York

Founded in 1857, AIA New York is the oldest and largest chapter of the American Institute of Architects. The Chapter's members include 5,000 practicing architects, allied professionals, students, and public members interested in architecture and design. AIA New York is dedicated to three goals: design excellence, public outreach, and professional development. aiany.org