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DESIGN PITTSBURGH 2015 *DRAWN TO INSPIRE*

Celebrating the places and the people who inspire, shape, build and Design Pittsburgh.

2015 Design Awards Ceremony & Gala, Thursday October 22

Who:

- Anne Swager, Hon. AIA, Executive Director of AIA Pittsburgh
- Rick Sebak, Master of Ceremonies
- Mike McDonnell, AIA Vice President of the Board, Design Pittsburgh Chair
- Members of AIA Pittsburgh and the Design Pittsburgh Committee
- Representatives from the companies of the more than 90 design award submissions

Sponsors: Official Sponsor, The Gateway Engineers, Inc. and Civil and Environmental Consultants, Inc., sponsor of the People's Choice Award.

What: 2015 Design Awards Ceremony & Gala

When: Thursday, October 22, 2015 | 5:00-10:00 pm

Ceremony 5:00-7:30pm at African American Cultural Center

980 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh (Downtown)

5:00 Doors Open | 5:30 AIA-MBA Anniversary Toast | 6:15 Design Awards Ceremony Begins

- **2015 Design Award Competition** – Recognizing and promoting excellence in architecture and design. Ninety-two (92) entries were received, a 35% increase from last year. 22 entries will be recognized for excellence. Categories include:

Architecture Award	Historic Preservation Award
Architectural Detail + Craftsmanship Award	Interior Architecture Award
Design + Innovation Award	Regional + Urban Design Award
Engineering + Science Award	Timeless Architecture Award
Excellence in Sustainable Design	
- **Young Architects Studio Competition** - In partnership with the Design Center Pittsburgh. This competition focuses on a true Pittsburgh icon that celebrates our history and future: the Bayer Billboard Site. The nine (9) entries submitted propose a new use for this iconic site.
- The People's Choice Award winner will be announced, with more than 3,600 votes submitted. The 2015 recipient of the James Kling Fellowship Award, will be presented posthumously to Richard (Dick) P. Rittelmann, FAIA.

Gala 7:30-10:00pm at Cultural Trust Education Center

805/807 Liberty Avenue 3rd and 4th Floor, Pittsburgh (Downtown)

Cocktails, food and entertainment while congratulating winners. See the ***Places That Inspire*** Juried Photographic Exhibit – Twenty-three (23) photos were submitted of a “place” located within the 11-county area. Of these, twelve (12) were selected for the exhibit.

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Why: The Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Institute of Architects celebrates the inspiring places and people who shape and build Pittsburgh. Design Pittsburgh is a signature program of AIA Pittsburgh, celebrating excellence in architecture and design, and honoring those who create it.

Design Pittsburgh is a unique mix of juried awards, public vote and events to demonstrate how AIA Pittsburgh promotes the value of architecture and design in the places that we work, live, and play.

About AIA Pittsburgh AIA Pittsburgh, the professional association of architects, promotes the value of architectural services and the value of good design. Architects are creative problem solvers, matching client needs with the best design solutions. Architects work to improve the user experience in the built environment by designing safe, sustainable, productive, and more enjoyable places.

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