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LACMA Transformation Project Wins Top Honor at L.A. Architectural Awards

Museum's bold Transformation Phase II Wins Grand Prize Award for design excellence at 42nd annual award ceremony, hosted by the Los Angeles Business Council

LOS ANGELES (June 20, 2012) – The second phase of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art's (LACMA) dramatic transformation project was honored with the top prize at the Los Angeles Architectural Awards today, one of 33 stand-out building projects honored as premiere examples of the region's cutting-edge design.

The 42nd annual Architectural Awards, hosted by the Los Angeles Business Council, celebrated a diverse range of innovative architecture and design projects from throughout Los Angeles County that support a livable, beautiful, and economically vibrant region. More than 500 people gathered at the Beverly Hilton for the event, which included a dynamic keynote address from LACMA Director Michael Govan on the relationship between art and architecture. Congratulatory remarks were also delivered by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and other city leaders.

"The Los Angeles Architectural Awards celebrate the very best in forward-thinking design that enhances economic vitality and quality of life throughout Los Angeles County," said Los Angeles Business Council President Mary Leslie. "We congratulate all the winners that help make Los Angeles an engine of creativity and dynamism on both the national and international stages."

LACMA's Transformation Phase II, completed in spring 2011, added three new buildings to the eastern and western edges of the museum's BP Grand Entrance: the Resnick Pavilion, Ray's Restaurant and Stark Bar. The architecture firms behind the 71,000-square-foot project – Renzo Piano Building Workshop and Gensler – along with contractor MATT Construction shared with LACMA the Architectural Awards' Grand Prize, which honors entire project teams.

"Now more than ever, L.A. is a truly world-class city when it comes to visionary design and construction, as these magnificent award winners clearly demonstrate," said LACMA Director Michael Govan. "I am particularly gratified that Phase II of LACMA's Transformation was honored as the top winner among such worthy competitors. Renzo Piano Building Workshop and our team in L.A. put tremendous effort into this project, which has greatly expanded our exhibition space and created a dynamic town square for museum-goers from all areas of this diverse city."

For 42 years, the LABC has hosted this awards luncheon to honor design teams for both their aesthetic vision and for their contributions to the community as a whole. A jury of 20 notable building and design professionals led by Jury Chair Joseph DeTuno of Next Century Associates selected the winners from hundreds of entries. Except in special categories, winning projects were completed in 2010 or 2011.

Awards were given to a wide range of project types, including renovation project (Indian Paint Brush Productions in Santa Monica); building interior (LACMA's "California Design: 1930-1965" exhibit and Gensler headquarters in downtown L.A.); landscape architecture (The Pointe in Burbank); design concept (the LAPD Metropolitan Division Facility); and more. Green and sustainable projects were also highlighted.

"The high-caliber winners of this year's Architectural Awards represent riches for Los Angeles," said Frances Anderton, host of KCRW's DnA: Design & Architecture and the event's emcee. "From the smart mix of public space, art, architecture and landscape in the LACMA Transformation Phase II to the gentle elegance of the Deronda Residence in Hollywood Hills, these projects set a standard for design and construction that helps strengthen our communities and support our economy."

Educational institutions were well-represented among winners, with awards going to Pomona College, Claremont McKenna College, the University of Southern California, the California Institute of Technology, California State University, Northridge, and St. Thomas the Apostle School.

This year's event also honored the winner of a high-profile student competition among eight leading design schools in the L.A. area, each vying for the Julius Schulman Emerging Talent Award and a \$5,000 prize. Over an intensive weekend in February, three-person teams from each school developed concepts to overhaul and enhance the Ports O' Call complex at the Port of Los Angeles. The winning team, from the University of Southern California, submitted a design that envisions a boardwalk retail area along with water park, skate park and exercise areas.

Separately, the LABC's Community Impact Award honored three projects for their transformational impact on the surrounding community: Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza and Westfield Culver City for their major improvement projects and Cedars-Sinai Medical Center for its beautification project.

Please visit www.labusinesscouncil.org for more information about the awards. For descriptions and photos of all project winners, please contact joseph@sugermangroup.com.

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