architektōn

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25-year award | call for entries
Please join us for Architektōn: a retrospective on the master builder. The role of the Architect has changed throughout history. Architects had early acknowledgement through the Greek term, “architektōn” which is derived from two parts, archi meaning ‘chief’ and tektōn meaning ‘builder’, defining the profession as chief or master builders. As construction techniques and building complexity have expanded, separation of the role of the architect and builder has occurred. Although Architect’s are now known as individuals who design buildings and often supervise construction, Architects still have the opportunity to be recognized as the leading professional in the design and construction industries.

Working in the collaborative realm of today’s construction industry Architects work to create elegant design solutions that address a range of functional, structural, and environmental needs. Architektōn hopes to acknowledge the areas where architects have the opportunity to demonstrate expertise and help re-establish our profession as an expert in a broad industry. Please join us in celebrating the importance of highlighting the skillsets Architects provide or could provide for the design and construction profession and the impact we have on the community.
Eligibility

Any completed building project in Iowa, either a single building or groups of buildings, completed at least 25 but not more than 40 years ago are eligible.

- The building must be standing in substantially completed form and in good condition; it should still carry out the basic original program.
- It must have excellence in function in the distinguished execution of its original program and in the creative aspects of its statement by today’s standards.
- Restorations, rehabs, and interior design projects are excluded from consideration.
- Significant additions to buildings will be considered.
- Buildings submitted for consideration do not have to be designed by an Iowa firm; however, the building must be located in Iowa.
- Entries must be nominated or submitted by a current AIA Iowa member. For consideration, the project does not need to be nominated by the firm of record.
- Projects will be evaluated based on the images and written description only. The jury will not be able to visit the buildings.

Jury

Respected professionals from the architectural community, outside the state of Iowa. The jury chair is selected, and they assemble a jury.

Entry Fee

There is no entry fee required to submit but members should complete the official entry form here. Simply submit a request for a Concealed Identification Number (CIN) to let us know you are submitting.

Timetable

Entry fees must be received electronically by August 12, 2020. After we receive your entry(ies), we will email you instructions, concealed identification number(s) (you will enter this in your online submission), and online submission directions. Completed entries must be uploaded to the site by 4 p.m. August 13, 2020.

Presentation

The 25-Year Award will be presented during the virtual AIA Iowa Design Awards Celebration, Thursday, September 24, 2020 and will be published in the Iowa Architect magazine.