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THE FOURTH ANNUAL ARCHITIZER A+AWARDS NOW OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS

Prestigious Recognition from Architects, Tech Leaders, Publishers and Taste Makers at the “Oscars of Architecture”

New York City, NY, September 22, 2015—Architizer, the Web’s largest platform for architecture, announces the official opening of the **4th Annual Architizer A+Awards**, honoring the best architecture, spaces, and products across the globe.

The A+Awards is the largest and most visible architecture awards program, the only red carpet event to honor the year’s best architecture. Architizer’s mission is to “break architecture out of its echo chamber” and bring the buildings that are shaping our world to the forefront of the conversation, the same way music, film, and pop culture are celebrated today.

The A+Awards website, awards.architizer.com, is now accepting submissions in a variety of categories, including eight new Unbuilt categories and exciting new Details categories dedicated to the most innovative features and material applications within buildings. The early entry deadline to submit projects and products for consideration is **Oct. 30**. The final entry deadline is **Dec. 11**.

In collaboration with its partners **The Wall Street Journal**, **WSJ. Magazine**, **Dwell**, **the Webby Awards**, **Phaidon**, and **Cool Hunting**, the A+Awards reaches an audience of more than 300 million via media outlets across the globe such as Al Jazeera, BuzzFeed, CNN, Gawker, Huffington Post, Interview Magazine, New York Magazine, PSFK, Style.com, The Daily Mail, The Wall Street Journal, and The Washington Post. Unlike other awards programs that honor just one firm, the A+Awards give exposure to hundreds of finalists, and 200+ winners.

A+Awards fans and supporters have included **Martha Stewart**, **Thom Browne**, and **Amanda Burden**. Top-tier firms such as **Bjarke Ingels Group**, **SOM**, **Steven Holl Architects**, and **Zaha Hadid Architects** have all been winners and finalists.

A record number of entries, an esteemed jury, and the voice of the public

Last year’s competition saw entries from firms and brands across 100 countries. The judging process included evaluation by an esteemed panel of jurors, including luminaries from the world of architecture, design, media, art, technology, and fashion such as Pritzker-winner **Rafael Moneo**, **Jeanne Gang** of Studio Gang Architects, **Guy Raz**, host of TED Radio Hour, and **Ian Schrager** of the Ian Schrager Company.

The 2015-2016 competition will include many returning jurors from previous years, and the addition of **Marion Weiss** of Weiss/Manfredi, **Mohsen Mostafavi**, Dean of the Graduate School of Design at Harvard University, and **Susan Sellers**, Head of Design at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

New categories, more recognition for architectural Details and Unbuilt projects

For 2016 the awards categories have been expanded to include **Unbuilt** typologies that promote new and innovative concepts within the profession. Also included are the new **Details** categories that honor the inventive and creative features and material applications within buildings, with categories such as **Architecture +Façade**, **Architecture +Stairs**, **Architecture +Glass** and **Architecture +Textiles**.

Architizer partners with Phaidon to create a companion volume of award finalists

In 2016 Architizer will again compile a full-color, hardcover volume of winners and other select works with returning partner **Phaidon**, the leading art and architecture publishing house. This catalog is a comprehensive listing of the best in show that lives well beyond the awards.

'The Oscars of Architecture' is the industry's only red carpet gala

Winners, jurors, and VIPs will all gather at a red carpet gala during the 2016 NYCxDESIGN program in New York City, which will span from Tuesday, May 3 – Tuesday, May 17. In 2015 the gala and after-party were attended by 400 top architects and designers, including **Juergen Mayer (J. Mayer H.)**, **Craig Dykers (Snøhetta)**, **Bernard Tschumi (Bernard Tschumi Architects)** and **Jeanne Gang (Studio Gang Architects)**, as well as notables such as **Yves Behar (fuseproject)**, **Laura Anzani (Poliform USA)**, and **Karen Wong (New Museum)**.

The 2016 gala will again bring together some of the industry's most respected participants. "The A+ gala is more than just a party - it represents a moment for us to stand up and champion our art, recognizing the transformational role that architecture can play in our lives," says Architizer CEO Marc Kushner. "This year we take a step back and expand the frame, creating an even wider set of categories and include not just the buildings and structures that impact our world, but also the products and materials that allow them to speak."

Key dates

A+Awards submission guidelines are available at awards.architizer.com. Architizer's early entry deadline to submit projects and products for consideration is **October 30, 2015**. The final entry deadline is **December 11, 2015**.

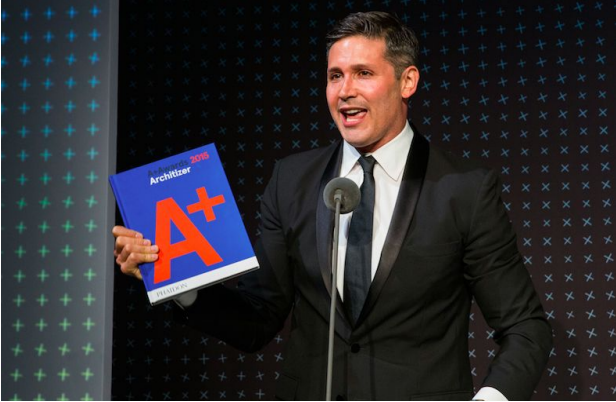
After jury and public voting take place, winners will be announced in **April 2016** and recognized at the A+Awards Gala in New York City in May.

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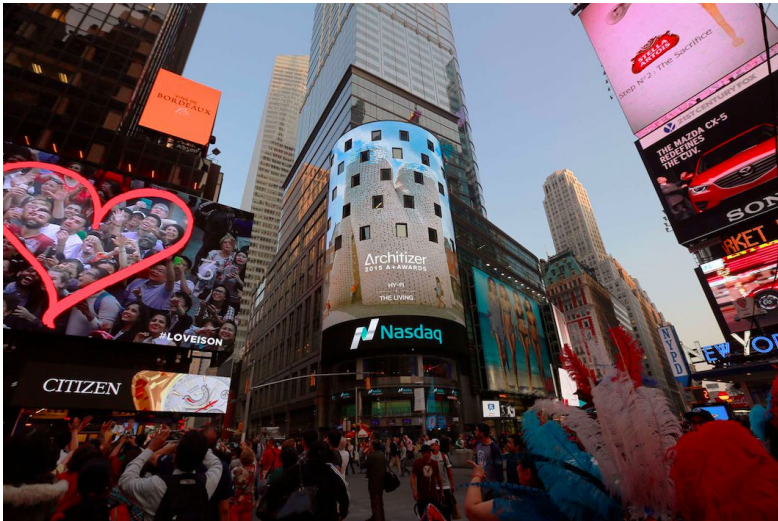
Architizer CEO Marc Kushner with Phaidon A+Awards Winners volume at the 2015 Architizer A+Awards Gala



A+Awards winner Bjarke Ingels



2015 Architizer A+Awards Gala red carpet



2015 A+Awards Winners in Times Square

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