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AIA New York Announces Recipients of 2024 Chapter Honors

On Friday, April 12 at Cipriani Wall Street, AIANY will celebrate four recipients of the Chapter’s annual Honors program and the 2024 Design Awards winners.

NEW YORK, NY, February 15, 2024 — The American Institute of Architects New York Chapter (AIANY) will confer its highest annual awards and toast the winners of the 2024 AIANY Design Awards at the Honors and Awards Luncheon at Cipriani Wall Street, 55 Wall Street, on Friday, April 12, 2024.

Every year, AIANY honors architects, philanthropists, public servants, and organizations that are committed to improving communities through design excellence. The Chapter’s annual Honors and Design Awards reinforce AIANY’s central principle: design matters. In 2024, MARVEL will receive the Medal of Honor; Jonathan F.P. Rose will receive the Champion of Architecture Medal; Madame Architect will receive the Architecture in Media Award; and Nina Cooke John, AIA, NOMA, will receive the New Perspectives Award.
The recipients were selected by the AIANY 2024 Honors Committee, chaired by AIANY 2024 President Gregory Switzer, AIA, SWITZER Architecture. 2024 committee members include Victor Body-Lawson, FAIA, Body Lawson Associates; Karen Fairbanks, FAIA, Marble Fairbanks; and Jacob Reidel, AIA, Saltmine.

AIANY will also fête the 22 winning project teams of the AIANY 2024 Design Awards at the Luncheon.

ABOUT THE HONOREES

Medal of Honor

MARVEL

MARVEL recognizes that the pressing issues facing contemporary cities, communities, and the natural environment can only be solved with bold, collective action. Although the team just celebrated its 10th year as MARVEL, they have a trajectory of over three decades working at the intersection of public and private space, creating intentionally timeless design solutions that integrate nature and context. With offices in NYC, SJU, RVA, and BCN, they bring together architecture, landscape architecture, planning, urban design, and interiors professionals. They accelerate the discussion between all stakeholders—including policy makers, community and business leaders, clients, activists, and citizens—and co-author long-term visions for buildings, places, and people. MARVEL’s interdisciplinary teams develop big ideas to solve big problems. By synthesizing their diverse expertise and working together, they design, plan, and build shared urban spaces that are key to humanity’s success and our planet’s health. They address immediate issues while improving the long-term quality of life. Marvel’s projects have been recognized with over 125 international industry awards, among them the American Institute of Architects’ highest honor, the Presidential Citation for integrating design and community service. Their portfolio spans affordable housing, commercial, cultural institutions, schools and higher education, civic and public works, hospitality, high-end residential, recreational projects, workspaces, and parks and public spaces.

About the Medal of Honor

The Medal of Honor is the highest honor for distinction in the profession, conferred to an architect or a firm of architects for distinguished work and a high professional standing. Any architect who is a member of the Institute practicing within the territory of the Chapter is eligible for the Medal. Past recipients include Ludwig Mies van der Rohe (1947), Marcel Breuer (1965), Louis Kahn (1970), Richard Meier (1980), Tod Williams Billie Tsien Architects (1996), Weiss/Manfredi (2007), Diller Scofidio + Renfro (2009), and Denise Scott Brown, RIBA, Int. FRIBA, Robert Venturi, FAIA, Int. FRIBA (2014), Claire Weisz, FAIA (2018), Deborah Berke, FAIA, LEED AP (2019), Snøhetta (2020), Kim Yao (2021), Tsao & McKown Architects (2022), and Andrew Bernheimer (2023).
Champion of Architecture Medal

Jonathan F.P. Rose
Jonathan F.P. Rose’s business, public policy, teaching, research, writing, and not-for-profit work focuses on creating more environmentally, socially, and economically resilient cities. In 1989, Rose founded and became President of Jonathan Rose Companies LLC, a real estate development and investment firm that acquires and develops affordable and mixed-income housing. The firm has long been a leader in environmentally responsible building.

Rose received the Enterprise Community Partners, James W. Rouse Civic Medal of Honor in 2012, the 2021 ULI Prize for Visionaries in Urban Development, and in 2023, The Order of the Beloved of the Thunder Dragon awarded by His Majesty, The King of Bhutan. His book on how to create resilient cities, The Well-Tempered City: What Modern Science, Ancient Civilizations and Human Nature Teach Us About the Future of Urban Life was published by Harper Wave in 2016 and won the 2017 PROSE Award for Outstanding Scholarly Work by a Trade Publisher.

Rose and his wife Diana Calthorpe Rose are the co-founders of the Garrison Institute. He serves as Chair of the Board and of the Bhutan Urban and Regional Planning Global Advisory Committee. He is a trustee of Enterprise Community Partners.

About the Champion of Architecture Medal
The Champion of Architecture Medal is conferred on an individual from outside the architecture profession for his or her critical work towards the advancement of architecture and design. It was first given to R. Buckminster Fuller in 1952, and, more recently, to Ai Weiwei (2018), Justin Garrett Moore, AICP, NOMA (2021), Maxine Griffith, FAICP (2022), and Richard C. Yancey, FAIA, LEED AP (2023).

Architecture in Media

Madame Architect
Madame Architect is a digital magazine focused on the extraordinary women that shape our world—women from all over the globe, all corners of the field, and all stages of career. MA features intimate interviews, day-in-the-life profiles, essays, reviews, and a historical column, all of which are through a female perspective. In addition to architects, features include CEOs, journalists, civic leaders, landscape architects, and many more experts in the field. Most recently, Madame Architect started an event series for live interviews with architects in the spaces they designed.

Founded and run by Julia Gamolina, the Madame Architect team includes copyeditor and contributor Gail Kutac; editorial assistant Sydne Nance; event coordinator Casey Joe; editors Pat Dimond and Amy Stone; historical columnist Kate Reggev; and design
critic Kate Mazade. Everyone on the team is ultra-dedicated to sharing and supporting the work of their colleagues and peers and to themselves contributing to the practice of architecture; all hold full-time roles in professional practice. The magazine’s mission has been and continues to be to break the antiquated models of architecture and to show those in and entering the industry the myriad choices they have in crafting dynamic, meaningful, and interesting careers for creating a better built world.

**About the Architecture in Media Award**

Originally named after Stephen A. Kliment, the Architecture in Media Award recognizes individuals and publications that elevate and challenge architectural discourse. This award has been given since 2003 to journalists and critics who, through their writing, have shaped the practice of architecture and elevated its standards. Recent awardees include Inga Saffron (2018), Cindy Allen (2019), Alexandra Lange (2020), Cathleen McGuigan (2021), Urban Omnibus (2022), and New York Review of Architecture (2023).

**New Perspectives Award**

**Nina Cooke John, AIA, NOMA**

Nina Cooke John, AIA, NOMA, is the founding principal of [Studio Cooke John Architecture and Design](#), a multidisciplinary design studio that values placemaking as a way to transform relationships between people and the built environment. Studio Cooke John's *Shadow of A Face*, the new Harriet Tubman Monument in Newark, NJ, was unveiled in March 2023. The studio was awarded a 2021 AIANS Merit Award for the public art installation *Point of Action*, commissioned for the Flatiron public plazas in 2020 and currently on view at the Wassaic Project. Cooke John was named a 2022 United States Artists Fellow. Her work has been featured in *Architectural Record*, Madame Architect, *The New York Times*, *Dwell*, NBC's *Open House*, the Center for Architecture’s 2018 exhibition *Close to the Edge: The Birth of Hip-Hop Architecture*, and PBS NewsHour Weekend.

Cooke John earned her Bachelor of Architecture degree from Cornell University and her Masters in Architecture from Columbia University. She currently teaches at Columbia University.

**About the New Perspectives Award**

Since 2021, the New Perspectives Award has celebrated individuals and/or collectives who, through their own recently published or curated work, take unique, critical positions that contribute to the broader understanding of architecture. Past recipients include *Deem Journal* (2022) and WIP Collaborative (2023).
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