

10th Annual IIDA Calibre Award Winners 1998

The IIDA Calibre Awards were founded ten years ago to honor companies who exhibit or support a high standard of quality design over time. In honor of this milestone, ten awards were given, the largest number ever presented. The nominees must not only have supported the effort to increase public awareness of design, but also have demonstrated concern and support for quality design on an ongoing basis.

This year, the nomination process was augmented by a request for candidates from Professional and Associate IIDA members. The Nominations Committee contributed candidates as well, and selected the final nominees after validating the qualifications of the names submitted.

Herman Miller generously hosted the nomination reception and ballot at their Los Angeles showroom, where IIDA Professional and Associate members cast ballots for the winners. For the first time, the five City Centers were provided with videos of the nominees, taken at the LA event, and voted at their own holiday parties. All of the nominees are outstanding candidates for the Calibre Award.

Civic Award

City of Los Angeles

Under the leadership of William A. Holland, AIA, City Architect, Los Angeles has compiled an impressive group of recent building projects totaling \$100,000,000 in budgeted funds. Among these are twenty-eight new branch libraries, nine police departments, a major build-out of historic City Hall East and improvements in City-owned Civic Center buildings and San Pedro municipal buildings.

Other outstanding projects include the Japanese Garden at Tillman Water Reclamation Plant, Sepulveda Basin; the Central Library restoration and expansion, the Convention Center expansion, a master plan for the Civic Center and the 10 Minute Diamond Study. Holland has created a Sustainable Design Manual and numerous design awards have been bestowed in the process. Utilizing the talents of many designers and architects, the City of Los Angeles has laid a broad foundation of quality design upon which to build the future.



MTV Networks

Commercial Client

MTV Networks

Although known as "the arbiter of hip," MTV Networks is a mature, global business faced with planning ever-changing facilities that function for their staff of creative professionals. To meet this challenge, they have engaged and supported top quality designers to realize their vision.

Their West Coast Corporate Headquarters in Santa Monica, just one of multiple innovative projects, entailed the renovation of a fifteen year old, five story brick office building to provide 105,000 square feet of offices and technical facilities. It features a 17-foot long aluminum 1957 Airstream trailer in the lobby (making a home-away-from-home statement), corridors that become street side facades of houses and hedges, and ceilings sporting 50-foot long surfboards, the recently completed project successfully provides the sense of

place, feeling of home and functional and fun environment required by this cutting-edge company.

Commercial Dealer

Westfall Interior Systems

With a fifty-year history in Los Angeles, Westfall Interior Systems is one of the largest Herman Miller furniture dealerships in the country. Their three corporate office locations and over 125 professionals pro-



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The 10th Annual IIDA Calibre Awards 1998 brought together the many facets of the West Coast design community on March 18th at a spectacular new venue; the multi-story South Hall atrium of the Los Angeles Convention Center, designed by I. M. Pei. Traditionally the kick-off to WestWeek, the Calibre Awards this year also marked the debut of NeoCon West and LA Design Week.

The black-tie gala, which honors the spectrum of our business partners in design, featured a new theatre-format award presentation, followed by an evening of fine dining, dancing and networking. New categories, stellar presenters and an outreach to the greater community enhanced this year's event.

Proceeds from the Calibre Awards help fund the Chapter office and its many activities, including support of our state-wide legislative coalition, as well as the IIDA Scholarship Fund. This year, the IIDA Southern California Chapter greatly increased its student scholarship awards to \$16,000 (see article on page 18).

The Calibre Awards recognize companies in other professions, as well as clients and civic entities, who team with designers to exhibit a high standard of quality, who support the effort to increase public awareness of design, and who have demonstrated concern and support for quality design on an ongoing basis.

Congratulations to all nominees and to our winners!

1998 Calibre Award Nominees

Civic Award

City of Long Beach
City of Los Angeles

Commercial Client

MTV Networks
Twentieth Century Fox

Commercial Dealer

Unisource
Westfall Interior Systems

Developer

Sunrise Company

Environmental

Real Goods

Real Estate Attorney

Pillsbury Madison & Sutro LLP

General Contractor

Fort Hill Constructio
Stoker Construction

Artistic Achievement

Architectural Glass De
Glasstech
Michael McEwen Stu

Technical Achievement

CiBola
Paoletti Associates, In
Sunset Studios

Lifetime Achievement

Jules Seltzer

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