



**Ontario  
Association  
of Architects**

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### **ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF ARCHITECTS ANNOUNCES 2015 AWARD WINNERS**

**March 12, 2015...Toronto, ON** – Demonstrating the best in architectural design and innovation, winners of the 2015 Ontario Association of Architects (OAA) Awards feature both Canadian and international projects designed by Ontario architects, ranging from sustainable single-family homes to the redevelopment of key cultural and civic destinations.

Representing Ontario's emerging new talent and some of the province's most established architecture firms, 20 newly built projects in Toronto, St. Petersburg (Russia), Georgian Bay, Kingston, Bolsover, Sudbury, Crawford Lake, Sarnia, Town of the Blue Mountains, Oakville, Port Hope and Surrey (BC), have been distinguished in the Design Excellence category. Selected from more than 175 submissions, recipients of the 2015 Design Excellence Award have been recognized by a jury of peers from the design community on the following criteria:

1. **Creativity:** The innovative nature of the design solution.
2. **Context:** The contribution a project makes to its unique location, to neighbouring uses and to community building.
3. **Sustainability:** The contribution the project makes to a sustainable environment. Considers project design merits and the reduced use of raw materials and dependence on fossil fuels, as well as projects that achieve high quality interior environments, with regards to daylighting, air quality and material use.
4. **Good Design/Good Business:** The degree to which the project creatively supports and interprets the business and architectural goals of the client through programming and design.
5. **Legacy:** The contribution of the project in establishing a new benchmark for architectural excellence.

Celebrating forward-thinking design and leadership in architecture, 31 winners in ten categories will be recognized at a formal awards ceremony in Hamilton, May 8, as part of the OAA's annual conference.

### **2015 OAA Awards - List of Winners**

#### **Design Excellence - Awards**

##### **Echo House**

Toronto, ON  
Paul Raff Studio Incorporated Architect

##### **Fraser Mustard Early Learning Academy**

Toronto, ON  
Kohn Shnier Architects

##### **Goldring Centre for High Performance Sport**

Toronto, ON  
Patkau Architects Inc.  
MacLennan Jaunkalns Miller Architects Ltd.

##### **Grotto Sauna**

Georgian Bay, ON  
PARTISANS Architects

**Isabel Bader Centre for Performing Arts**  
Kingston, ON  
N45 Architecture Inc.  
in association with Snøhetta Architecture Design  
Planning P.C.

**Ismaili Centre**  
Toronto, ON  
Moriyama & Teshima Architects  
In association with Charles Correa Associates

**Lake Cottage**  
Bolsover, ON  
UUFIE INC.

**Mariinsky II**  
St.Petersberg, Russia  
Diamond and Schmitt Architects Incorporated

**Surrey Civic Centre**  
Surrey, BC  
Moriyama & Teshima Architects in joint venture with  
Kasian Architecture Ontario Incorporated

**Vale Living with Lakes Centre**  
Sudbury, ON  
J.L. Richards & Associates Limited, Consulting  
Engineers & Architects  
in association with Perkins + Will Canada Inc.

#### **Design Excellence – Honourable Mentions**

**14 Division**  
Toronto, ON  
Stantec Architecture Ltd.

**Annex Residence**  
Toronto, ON  
Audax Architecture Inc.

**Deer Clan Longhouse**  
Crawford Lake, ON  
Brook McIlroy Inc.

**Fort York Branch Library**  
Toronto, ON  
KPMB Architects

**Fort York National Historic Site Visitors Centre**  
Toronto, ON  
Patkau Architects Inc.  
Kearns Mancini Architects Inc.

**Gold Corp Innovation Suite, Lassonde Mining  
Building**  
Toronto, ON  
Baird Sampson Neuert Architects Inc.

**Judith & Norman Alix Art Gallery**  
Sarnia, ON  
Kongats Architects

**Maison Glissade**  
Town of the Blue Mountains, ON  
Atelier Kastelic Buffey Inc.

**'Pit Stop' Transit Facility**  
Oakville, ON  
Bortolotto Design Architect Inc.

**Port Hope House**  
Port Hope, ON  
Teeples Architects Inc.

#### **Concepts**

**PRISMATICA**  
RAW design inc.

**The Hole Idea - Now in Technicolour**  
Weiss Architecture & Urbanism Limited

**Dancing Cubbies**  
Honourable Mention  
Denegri Bessai Studio

#### **Sustainable Design Excellence Award**

**Vale Living with Lakes Centre**  
Sudbury, ON  
J.L. Richards & Associates Limited, Consulting  
Engineers & Architects  
in association with Perkins + Will Canada Inc.

#### **Landmark Designation**

**Belleville City Hall**  
Belleville, ON  
William R. White Architect Limited

#### **Best Emerging Practice**

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#### **G. Randy Roberts Service Award**

*Recognizing members of the OAA for extraordinary  
service to the members*  
Istvan Lendvay

### **Lifetime Design Achievement Award**

*Honouring members for career-long contribution to Architectural Design Excellence*  
Bruce Kuwabara

### **Order of da Vinci**

*Presented to persons who have made a significant and meaningful contribution to the profession of architecture*  
Leslie M. Klein

### **2015 OAA Award Juries**

The 2015 Award winners were chosen by Juries that included members of the public whose interests and background represent many areas of the Ontario design community.

### **Design Excellence & Lieutenant Governor's Award**

**CHAIR – Cheryl Giraudy**, Associate Professor & Architect, OCAD University  
**Boris Brott**, Founding Artistic Director, Brott Music Festival  
**Jane Corkin**, Founder & Owner, Corkin Gallery  
**Dianne Lister**, Immediate Past President & CEO of the ROM Governors  
**Sheila Penny**, Vice President, Facilities Management, Toronto Community Housing

### **Concepts:**

**CHAIR – Ila Berman**, Director, University of Waterloo School of Architecture & Principal, Scaleshift Design  
**Sarah Culp**, President, Ontario Association of Landscape Architects  
**Rita Davies**, CEO, Culture Capital and Inspire! Toronto International Book Fair  
**Jim Strasman**, Principal, Strasman Architects Inc.

### **Landmark, Order of da Vinci, Best Emerging Practice & G. Randy Roberts Award:**

**CHAIR – John Hrovat**, Chair, St. Clair Society of Architects  
**Toon Dreessen**, OAA President 2015  
**Diana Osborne**, Architect, Osborne Architect  
**Eb Zeidler**, Senior Partner Emeritus, Zeidler Partnership Architects

### **OAA Celebration of Excellence Awards and Dinner May 8**

The 2015 awards will be presented in Hamilton on Friday, May 8, 2015 at the OAA Celebration of Excellence Awards and Dinner hosted at Liuna Station by OAA President, Toon Dreessen and Master of Ceremonies, Wendy Mesley.

Additional awards to be announced at the event include the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Design Excellence in Architecture, the Michael V. and Wanda Plachta Award and the People's Choice Award. For more information about the 2015 OAA Awards and to purchase tickets please visit:

<http://conferenceregistration.oaa.on.ca>

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### **About the OAA Awards**

The OAA Awards offer the Ontario architectural profession an annual opportunity to present their work to the public and a professional audience; demonstrating the excellence of both individual award winners and the profession as a whole; fostering a greater appreciation of architecture and architects in the public realm.

### **About the Ontario Association of Architects**

The Ontario Association of Architects is a self-regulating organization governed by the *Architects Act*, which is a statute of the Government of Ontario. The OAA's mission is to represent, regulate, support and promote the profession of architecture in the interest of all Ontarians, and to lead the design and delivery of built form in the Province of Ontario. For more information, visit: [www.oaa.on.ca](http://www.oaa.on.ca).