Celebrating 10 Years of Excellence

When AZURE launched the AZ Awards a decade ago, we couldn’t have imagined how widely and exuberantly the competition would resonate. In 2011, over 600 submissions from 25 countries poured in for consideration. This year — the 10th anniversary of the program — more than 1,200 projects from nearly 50 countries were submitted, suggesting just how much the AZ Awards has grown in impact, scope and stature. Over the course of its evolution, it has become a significant international benchmark for excellence in architecture, landscapes, interiors, products, concepts and student work, attracting entries from many of the world’s most creative thinkers.

And we couldn’t be more gratified. As AZURE looks forward to the next 10 years of the AZ Awards, we come together tonight to celebrate its past, its present and, in particular, what a unique opportunity it has become for architects, landscape architects, designers, manufacturers, clients and students to receive the exposure and acknowledgement their exceptional work deserves.

Eye on the Prize

Designed by Italian-born Luca Nichetto, the 2020 AZ Awards trophy pays homage to his home region of Veneto. Made of blown Murano glass, the subtly flared inverted tumbler — 25 centimetres tall by nine centimetres wide at its base — was produced by famed glassworks NasonMoretti, which blended opaque yellow and tinted glasses, then laser-etched the AZ Awards logo across its sloped top. The result is a unique — and uniquely alluring — honour.

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Join your hosts — M.C. Jessica Allen and Azure executive editor Elizabeth Pagliacolo — as they welcome special guests George Yabu and Glenn Pushelberg, who will be making our official AZ Awards 2020 cocktail: the Amaro Amore (see ingredients at right).

Enjoy exclusive greetings from our lineup of design luminaries.

AWARDS CEREMONY

The festivities continue with the reveal of this year’s AZ Awards winners in the following categories:

- Design
- Interiors
- Landscape Architecture
- Concepts
- Architecture
- Social Good
- Environmental Leadership
- A+ Student Award

Special guests will make appearances throughout the ceremony.

Follow and Share #AZawards20

Over the course of this evening’s virtual gala, we’ll be sharing video footage of the winning projects across multiple platforms. Follow along and watch via Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. Use #AZawards20 to share your favourites, congratulate finalists and show us how you’re celebrating — from your cocktail garb to your cocktail game — wherever you are.

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Our All-Star Guest List

This year’s gala will feature greetings and messages from bold-name designers around the globe. Among them:

CLAIRE WEISZ
Architect, urbanist and a founding principal of WXY, New York

GEORGE YABU and GLENN PUSHELBERG
Acclaimed interior designers and co-founders of Yabu Pushelberg, Toronto and New York

KARIM RASHID
Prolific industrial and interior designer, New York

GAETANO PESCE
Architect and design pioneer, New York

MARTHA SCHWARTZ
Landscape architect, educator and climate activist, New York

MICHEL ROJKIND
Architect and founding partner of Rojkind Arquitectos, Mexico City

GAETANO PESCE
Architect and design pioneer, New York

LUCA NICHETTO
Designer and principal of Nichetto Studio, Stockholm

MARTHA SCHWARTZ
Landscape architect, educator and climate activist, New York

MICHEL ROJKIND
Architect and founding partner of Rojkind Arquitectos, Mexico City

NADER TEHRANI
Designer, educator and a principal at NADAAA, Boston

THOM MAYNE
Pritzker Prize-winning architect and founder of MORPHOSIS, Los Angeles

YVES BÉHAR
Designer, educator and founder of fuseproject, San Francisco

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Meet the Finalists

**DESIGN**

**FURNITURE**

Heartbeat
Designer: Karim Rashid
Manufacturer: Nienkämper, Toronto, Canada

Rammed Earth Chair
Designer: Eric Haskins Design

Surf Sofa
Designer: Yabu Pushelberg
Manufacturer: Molteni&C, Giussano, Italy

Tam Tam
Designer: Arter & Citton
Manufacturer: Rebi, Fossalta di Portogruaro, Italy

**FURNITURE SYSTEMS AND COLLECTIONS**

Atelier
Designers: Fantoni with Gensler
Manufacturer: Fantoni, Ospopo, Italy

Lan Seating
Designers: Lyndon Neri and Rossana Hu of Neri&Hu Design and Research Office
Manufacturer: GAN, Valencia, Spain

Logica Celata
Designer: Gabriele Centazzo
Manufacturer: Valcucine, Pordenone, Italy

Match
Designer: Muller Van Severen
Manufacturer: Reform, Copenhagen, Denmark

**LIGHTING FIXTURES**

Noctambule
Designer: Konstantin Grcic
Manufacturer: Flos, Brescia, Italy

Sainte Collection
Designers: Lambert & Fils with Rachel Bussan
Manufacturer: Lambert & Fils, Montreal, Canada

Tube
Designer: Ichiro Iwasaki
Manufacturer: Vibia, Barcelona, Spain

**LIGHTING INSTALLATIONS**

National Museum of Qatar
Location: Doha, Qatar
Firm: Licht Kunst Licht, Bonn and Berlin, Germany

Temporary Tyvek Lighting Installation at Stackt Market
Location: Toronto, Canada
Firm: Stacklab, Toronto, Canada

**INTERIOR PRODUCTS**

Nanimarquina Collection for Coalesse
Designers: Nani Marquina and John Hamilton
Manufacturer: Coalesse, Grand Rapids, U.S.

**INTERIORS**

**RESIDENTIAL**

Apartment in Santa Catarina
Location: Lisbon, Portugal
Firm: Aspa, Lisbon, Portugal

Lytton Park Residence
Location: Toronto, Canada
Firm: Akb Architects, Toronto, Canada

ShadowBox
Location: Toronto, Canada
Firm: Johnson Chou, Toronto Canada

**COMMERCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL**

Cass Poppees
Location: Brăila, Romania

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From our virtual stage to yours, we would like to congratulate the finalists and winners of 2020’s AZ Awards.

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Indoor Playground (Doubling as Lecture Hall)
Location: Yueyang, China
Firms: SUP Atelier (Beijing, China) with THAD (Beijing, China)

MULTI-UNIT RESIDENTIAL

Off Plaza
Location: Montreal, Canada
Firm: L. McComber, Montreal, Canada

VDC
Location: Vale de Camba, Portugal
Firm: SUMMARY, Porto, Portugal

SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSES

Casa Cosmos
Location: Puerto Escondido, Mexico
Firm: S.AR, San Pedro Garza Garcia, Mexico

Casa Naila
Location: Puerto Escondido, Mexico
Firm: BAAG, Mexico City, Mexico

Double Header House
Location: Victoria, Canada
Firm: D’Arcy Jones Architects, Vancouver, Canada

Redfern Warehouse
Location: Sydney, Australia
Firm: Ian Moore Architects, Surry Hills, Australia

Skigard Hytte
Location: Kvitfjell, Norway
Firm: Mohr-Ulnes Architects, San Francisco, U.S.

The Boulder House
Location: Seoul, South Korea
Firm: AtelierJun, Seoul, South Korea

SOCIAL GOOD

A Modern Barn: Au Cré des Champs
Location: Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Canada
Firm: La SHED Architecture, Montreal, Canada

Krushi Bhawan
Location: Bhubaneswar, India
Firm: Studio Lotus, New Delhi, India

MLK1101 Supportive Housing
Location: Los Angeles, U.S.
Firm: Lorcan O’Herlihy Architects, Los Angeles, U.S.

Zig Zag Park
Location: Bogota, Colombia
Firm: Whiteknee, Monticello, U.S.

ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP

Borden Park Natural Swimming Pool
Location: Edmonton, Canada
Firm: gh3* architecture, Toronto, Canada

Isttianniokaseni / Science Commons at University of Lethbridge
Location: Lethbridge, Canada
Firms: KPMB Architects (Toronto, Canada) and Stantec Architecture (Toronto, Canada)

The Wadden Sea Centre
Location: Ribe, Denmark
Firm: Dorte Mandrup, Copenhagen, Denmark

A+ STUDENT AWARD

Horizontal
School: University of Toronto
Team: Siqi Wang and Shawn Dylan Johnston

KEF International Airport
School: North Carolina State University
Team: Austin Compher and Caroline Cox

Kooshk Research Pavilion
School: Islamic Azad University of Najafabad (IAUN)
Team: Hossein Moradi with Esmaeil Masoumi, Mohammad Jawad Shahvalayati, Morteza Hashemzadeh, Mohammad Lamouchi, Ali Offade, Naftesh Sharifi, Maryam Lotfi, Masoud Shams, Malike Rezaei, Ali Pezeshki and Hossein Mohseni

In the Spirit of Shibui: Re-Animating the Ruins of Fukushima
School: University of Manitoba
Team: Connery Friesen

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Meet the Jury

This year’s panel of awards judges represents a who’s who in the fields of architecture, landscape architecture and design.

LUCA NICHETTO
Prolific furniture and product designer, principal of Stockholm- and Venice-based Nichetto Studio

MARION WEISS
Architect and co-founder of multidisciplinary New York design practice Weiss/Manfredi

MIA LEHRER
Landscape architect and founder/president of California’s Studio-MLA

OMAR GANDHI
Principal of Omar Gandhi Architect, based in Toronto and Halifax

STEPHANIE DAVIDSON
Co-founder of experimental design practice Davidson Rafailidis in Toronto

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