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**SOCIETY OF AMERICAN REGISTERED ARCHITECTS
PRESENTS NATIONAL DESIGN AWARD WINNERS**

A total of 27 winning design projects were honored and awards presented to 20 architectural firms at the 2007 National Design Program sponsored by the Society of American Registered Architects (SARA). The awards were presented Friday, November 9th at a banquet held in the Empire Ballroom at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel in San Francisco during the Society's 51st Annual Convention.

The jury session was held in Mountain View, California September 8th with Bill Johnson, FARA and Ron Ronconi, ARA presiding as jury co-chairs. Distinguished jurors included Isaac Campbell, AIA, Principal, Boora Architects, Inc., Portland, Oregon; Kevin Wilcock, AIA, Partner, David Baker + Partners, San Francisco, California and David Regester, AIA, Studio Director / Associate, Hawley Peterson & Snyder Architects, Mountain View, California.

A total of seven Excellence Awards were presented to Arquitectonica, Miami, Florida for the Bronx Museum of the Arts, Bronx, New York; Bentel & Bentel, New York for the Craftsteak Restaurant, New York; Butler Rogers Baskett, New York for the Charlean and Wayland Blood Fitness and Dance Center, Clinton, New York; DeStefano and Partners, Chicago, Illinois for the Danang Administrative Center, Danang Vietnam; Gensler, New York for the American Red Cross, New York; Macrae-Gibson Architects, New York for the Asplund Library Addition, Stockholm Sweden and Stephen Yablon Architect, New York for the Betances Community Center and Boxing Gym, Bronx, New York.

Nine Merit Awards were presented to Cannon Design, Arlington, Virginia for the Hauptmann-Woodward Institute, Structural Biology Research Center project, Buffalo, New York; David M. Schwarz Architectural Services, Inc., for the Schermerhorn Symphony Center, Nashville, Tennessee; Gensler, New York for St. Philips Academy, Newark, New Jersey and for the DirectGroup North America, New York, Macrae-Gibson Architects, New York, for the House

on a Lake project in Quebec, Canada; PageSoutherlandPage, Austin, Texas for the Christ Church Cathedral in Houston, Texas; Perez & Perez Architects, Miami, Florida for the MIC Earlington Heights Metrorail System, Miami, Florida; PSA-Dewberry, Chicago, Illinois for the University of Illinois-Chicago Student Recreation Facility, Chicago, Illinois and Zivkovic-Connolly Architects, New York for the Bertacchi-Takacs Residence in New York.

Honor Award Certificates were presented to Arquitectonica, Miami, Florida for the Sarasota Herald-Tribune Media Headquarters, Sarasota, Florida; Centerbrook Architects, Centerbrook, Connecticut for the Maud-Gatewood Studio Arts Building, Greensboro, North Carolina; DeStefano and Partners, Chicago, Illinois for the Metropolitan Park Apartments, Grand Rapids, Michigan; Harding Partners, Chicago, Illinois for the Adams Central Elementary School, Monroe, Indiana; Macrae-Gibson Architects, New York for the PS70 Pool Project, Bronx, New York; Mancini*Duffy, New York for the Time Warner Conference Center, New York; Manuel Oncina Architects, LaJolla, California for the Cardiff-by-the-Sea project in Encinitas, California and the SANDAG Bus Rapid Transit Station, Escondido, California; Morris Architects, Orlando, Florida for the Parque Amazonia project in Brasil; PageSoutherlandPage, Houston, Texas for the Jim and Joann Fonteno Park project in Houston and Perkins + Will, New York for the Perkins + Will New York Office

The Society's 2008 Professional Design Awards Program call for entries will be available for distribution early next year as well as on the Society's website www.sararchitects.org with awards announced during SARA's 52nd Annual National Convention, October 15-19th in Coral Gables Florida.

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