



DESIGN
AWARDS

May 11, 2017

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to welcome everyone to the New York City Public Design Commission's 35th Annual Awards for Excellence in Design.

New York has always been at the forefront of progress in the fields of art, architecture, engineering, and design, and we are the proud home to an outstanding array of iconic buildings, parks, open spaces, bridges, and infrastructure. This month, the creativity that defines the five boroughs will be on full display at the fifth annual NYCxDESIGN, a citywide celebration of innovative art and design from around the world. In conjunction with that engaging showcase, the Commission is hosting today's event to recognize public projects that exemplify my administration's mission to improve quality of life for New York's diverse residents and build a more resilient, more sustainable and more equitable city.

This year's event will celebrate outstanding projects from the last two years, including a library and environmental education center to encourage ecological stewardship, a reconstructed streetscape that will revitalize a business district and protect pedestrians, a new police precinct, and an imaginative mural and sculptures that will beautify our parks. As we continue to improve our city through our #OneNYC plan, I am delighted to join everyone gathered in applauding the talented artists, design professionals, and City agencies being honored for their efforts to enhance our urban landscape and strengthen communities across the city. Together, we will advance our city's status as a global hub of culture and innovation and forge a brighter future for all New Yorkers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill de Blasio". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent "B" and "d" at the beginning.

Bill de Blasio
Mayor

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Alicia Glen

Deputy Mayor for Housing and Economic Development

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Landscape Architect

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Architect

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Lay Member

Richard Moore

Brooklyn Museum

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Gail Cornell, Gary Deane, Gail Green, Deirdre LaPorte,

Patricia Orfanos, Docents

Public Design Commission of the City of New York

The Public Design Commission reviews permanent works of architecture, landscape architecture, and art proposed on or over City-owned property. As established by the New York City Charter in 1898, the Commission comprises 11 members, and includes an architect, landscape architect, painter, and sculptor as well as representatives of the Brooklyn Museum, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York Public Library, and the Mayor.

Annual Awards for Excellence in Design

Since 1983, the Design Commission has recognized outstanding public projects with its Awards for Excellence in Design. The winning projects, which are selected from the hundreds of submissions reviewed by the Commission the previous year, exemplify the City's highest design standards. This year's awards ceremony is taking place at New York City Hall.

New York City Hall

New York's City Hall is one of the oldest continuously used City Halls in the nation that still houses its original governmental functions. Designed by Joseph François Mangin and John McComb Jr. and completed in 1812, it is one of the finest architectural achievements of its period.

The Landmarks Preservation Commission designated City Hall an individual landmark in 1966 and its central rotunda an interior landmark in 1976. In 1993, the African Burial Ground and the Commons, which includes City Hall and the surrounding park, was designated a Historic District.

The Public Design Commission offers free tours of City Hall on weekdays.

Special thanks to the Mayor's Print Shop, Food Trends Catering and Events, Mahnaz Ispahani Bartos, James Stewart Polshek, Ann G. Tenenbaum, Peter Wertheim, Vikram Viswanathan, Mary B. Clarke, Toby Allan Schust, and Alicia West.

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35TH ANNUAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

Thursday May 11, 2017 | New York City Hall

FIT New Academic Building

Fashion Institute of Technology, 28th Street between Seventh Avenue and Eighth Avenue, Manhattan

A project of the Department of Education and the Fashion Institute of Technology, State University of New York

SHoP Architects MMLA

Sited at the northern edge of the campus, FIT's new academic building will reflect a commitment to community engagement and welcome the public into the life of the college. The ten-story, 110,000-square-foot structure will provide much-needed smart classrooms, textile labs, administrative offices, and the first dedicated student life hall on the campus in nearly two decades. The design embodies a transparency that reflects the college's vision of openness, exploration, and the robust exchange of ideas across many platforms.

The tension-based structural façade system includes wood-clad steel supports and woven metal panels deployed as an ornament to express the creative activities within the college. Through the building's glass façade, the articulated metal paneling of the abutting 1959 Marvin Feldman Center will be visible. Internally, the two buildings will be connected, creating a new passageway from 28th Street to 27th Street. This new dynamic building will animate the streetscape and present the creative life within the campus to the surrounding Chelsea community.

Design Team

SHoP Architects William Sharples, Partner; Chris Sharples, Partner; Corie Sharples, Partner; Ayumi Sugiyama, Director of Cultural Projects; Sameer Kumar, Director of Enclosure Design; Joe Hand, Technical Director; Steve Pitman, Project Director; Beth Eckels, Associate; Daniel Jacobs, Associate; Alexis Burson Nichol, Associate; Alex Woodhouse, Associate; Ben Salance, Associate; Blair Cranston, Designer; Shuping Liu, Designer; Sophie Eichner, Junior Designer; Yonathan Moore, Junior Designer; **MMLA** Molly Bourne, Principal; Rae Ishee, Landscape Designer; **BuroHappold Engineering** Craig Schwitter, Partner; Stephen Curtis, Principal; Bob Kearns, Associate; Mark Paskus, Junior Associate; Nicole Press, Structural Engineer; **Jacob Feinberg Katz & Michaeli Consulting Group** Cindy Feinberg, Partner; Christian Wilde, Engineer; **Wener Sobek New York** Silvia Prandelli, Chief Operating Officer; Enrica Olivia, Leader of WSNY Structures Group; Laurence De-Bary, Façade Designer; **Tillotson Design Associates** Suzan Tillotson, President; Mitul Parekh, Principal; Sara McElroy, Designer; **Shen Milsom Wilke** Steven Sorrenti, Senior Consultant, Security; Peter Berry, Associate Principal, Audio Visual; Colin O'Gallagher, Associate, Information Technology; Jarrod Whittington, Senior Consultant, Acoustics; **Philip Habib & Associates** Philip A. Habib, Principal; Sue McCoy, Principal; **Via Collective** Katie Osborn, Principal; **Van Deusen & Associates** Rick Sayah, Vice President; Brian Schaulewicz, Associate Designer; **Department of Education** Carmen Fariña, Chancellor; Thomas Taratko, Design Commission Liaison; James Dekeles, Design Commission Liaison; **Fashion Institute of Technology, State University of New York** Dr. Joyce F. Brown, President; Sherry Brabham, Vice President, Finance and Administration; Loretta Lawrence Keane, Vice President, Communications and External Relations; Mark Blaifeder, Associate Vice President, Finance; Bayard King, Acting Associate Vice President, Finance; Natalie Polvere, Acting Assistant Vice President, Administration; Pablo Salinas, Capital Budget Analyst; Cheri Fein, Executive Director, Public and Media Relations; Lisa Wager, Director, Government and Community Relations; George Jefremow, Executive Director, Facilities; Allen King, Associate Executive Director, Facilities; June Ng, Director, Space Planning and Management; Stephen Tuttle, General Counsel



The Cubes Administration and Education Building

Socrates Sculpture Park, Vernon Boulevard, Broadway, and 31st Road, Queens

A project of the Department of Parks & Recreation and Socrates Sculpture Park

LOT-EK

The Cubes Building is a 2,640 square-foot, two-story structure comprising 18 shipping containers that will become a permanent home for Socrates Sculpture Park administration and programming. The innovative design and material choices underscore the park's history of reclamation and revitalization and its mission of presenting contemporary public art, fostering environmental stewardship, and community building.

The Cubes began as a commission by The Whitney Museum of American Art consisting of six shipping containers. When the Whitney vacated the Breuer building for its new home, the museum donated the structure to Socrates Sculpture Park.

This design expands the original structure with 12 additional containers stacked two stories high. Diagonal bands of glass along the sides and roof provide natural light and transparency, offering views of the landscape and skyline from inside and views of activities within the building from the park.

The expansion plan will fulfil the strategic and programmatic goals of the park, providing flexible multi-purpose interior spaces for educational programming, presentations and exhibits, and a shaded deck for outdoor classes.

Design Team

LOT-EK Ada Tolla, Partner; Giuseppe Lignano, Partner; Reza Zia, Project Architect; Giulia De Oliveira, Designer; **Robert Silman Associates** Shinjinee Pathak PE, Senior Engineer; Philip Tranchese, Project Engineer; **Langan Engineering** Kelly Tufts PE LEED AP, Senior Project Manager; Jennifer Imbro, Staff Engineer; **JFK&M** Chris Kang, Mechanical Engineer; Trevor Ricketts, Electrical Engineer; Luis Perez, Plumbing Engineer; **Department of Parks & Recreation** Mitchell J. Silver, FAICP, Commissioner; Thérèse Braddick, Deputy Commissioner for Capital Projects; Dorothy Lewandowski, Queens Borough Commissioner; Nancy Prince RLA, Deputy Chief of Design; Kathleen O'Malley, Director of Architecture; Jonathan Kuhn, Director of Art & Antiquities; Katherine Riley, Project Manager; Sheena Brown, Design Commission Liaison; **Socrates Sculpture Park** John Hatfield, Executive Director, Socrates Sculpture Park; Katie Denny Horowitz, Director of External Affairs

