

# Emerging Architectural Firm 2013 Award

Emerging Architectural Firm Award is a biennial peer recognition program that highlights AIA Connecticut member firms that are gaining recognition in the general design community through a body of built work and continuing commitment to design excellence. Evaluation in Emerging Architectural Firms is based on a group of projects, not on the basis of a single project, as with other design awards programs.

## Jurors

Margaret Chambers, AIA  
Jack Franzen, FAIA  
Kevin Herrick, AIA  
James Martin, AIA  
Su Tamset, AIA  
Leonard Wyeth, AIA

## David Thompson Architects New Haven, CT

David Thompson Architects is a six person firm providing architectural design services to schools, colleges, religious institutions, and non-profit clients, and homeowners. The firm has won four AIA Connecticut Design Awards and one National AIA Small Projects Design Award. Firm projects have included a new astronomical observatory and planetarium, an undergraduate student memorial, a "Harvest Pavilion" for an urban agriculture charter school, a university based Office of Sustainability, a state-of-the-art micro-electronics research lab, an environmental education magnet school, a pair of landscaped pavilions for a prep school tennis center, and an historic restoration of Yale University's original building from the 1780's. The firm is committed to intensive investigation, thoughtful problem solving, and the consistent exploration of a rigorously conceived design aesthetic.

*Jury comments: The jury appreciated the diversity of projects coupled with the firm's deep drive for project research. The firm has a passion to do extensive investigations, reflected in the final execution of the very well thought out work, which is simple in an elegant way.*



Photographer: Robert Benson Photography  
Leitner Family Observatory and Planetarium, Yale University,  
New Haven, CT  
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Photographer: Ken Champlin  
Barnard Environmental Education Nature Center, New Haven, CT  
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Photographer: David Thompson Architects  
New Haven Bus Shelters, New Haven, CT  
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