2016 AIA Connecticut Business Architecture Award Recipients and Jury Comments

Under 50 Employees

Burgess Company
62 Memorial Road, Suite 100
West Hartford, CT 06107

Amenta Emma Architects
242 Trumbull Street
Hartford 06103

Principal: Thomas J. Quarticelli, AIA

The jury felt that the design enhanced the firm’s culture of collaboration in its effective, compact use of space, while the good flow of the space also supports collaboration; the thoughtfulness and attention to detail creates an inviting, well organized space that supports the firm goal of making the office a magnet for recruiting the best and brightest employees. The firm felt that the architect’s critical design objectives reflected its business strategy and the core values of its culture. The jury noted the nice combination of materials and furnishings, which creates a comfortable yet functional feeling.
The jury noted that the strong, cohesive design brought the values of the company to life and fostered both collaboration and energy in the work place. The use of materials seemed authentic and reflected the company ethos. The project's sustainable design supports the company vision of moving toward sustainable energy resources. The project fulfilled the company desire that the space evoke the company’s sincerity in preserving and protecting the environment and speak of green energy.
Special Projects:

Prospector Theater
25 Prospect Street
Ridgefield, CT 06877

Architect: Doyle Coffin Architects
158 Danbury Road
Ridgefield, CT 06877

Principal: Peter Coffin, AIA

This is a sophisticated solution to a unique set of requirements. There is attention to detail in this whimsical, well done project, in which history is tied to the future, but with the project mission of providing meaningful employment for those with disabilities in the present. The design addresses the vision of community, job opportunities, but not in an overt way.
Honorable Mention

Wadsworth Atheneum Gallery Restoration
Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art
600 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

Smith Edward McCoy Architects
100 Allyn Street, 4th Floor
Hartford 06103

Principal: Tyler Smith, FAIA

The jury was pleased to note the museum renovation contribution to enhanced economic growth in the City of Hartford through the international recognition of the project. The project’s key benefit is increased admissions, using its new logo to brand and market the museum in an informal, delightful way. A significant benefit to the renovation is its increased gallery space. This was a very exciting restoration that reached the goal of opening up an existing space to create a new space.