ONE PROJECT RECEIVES SPECIAL CITATION AT 33rd ANNUAL IALD INTERNATIONAL LIGHTING DESIGN AWARDS

SAN DIEGO, CA USA, 28 APRIL | Luminaries of the lighting profession gathered at the San Diego Air and Space Museum on 27 April to honor the winners of the 33rd Annual International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD) International Lighting Design Awards. Seventeen projects from eight countries were on display – including religious spaces, memorials, façades, and even a gas station. Taken together, the winners represent some of the most innovative and inspiring work found anywhere in the world of architectural lighting design.

In addition to ten Awards of Merit and three Awards of Excellence, including the prestigious Radiance Award, the IALD distributed a Special Citation to one notable project at the awards dinner, which also served as a fundraiser for the IALD Education Trust.

SPECIAL CITATION FOR SOCIAL INVOLVEMENT EXPRESSED THROUGH LIGHT

THE WALL OF DREAMS
VALBY, DENMARK

LIGHTING DESIGN
Vladan Paunovic, IALD
Ramboll Lighting

ADDITIONAL CREDITS
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The Wall of Dreams in Valby is a unique lighting project, as the residents of the house it adorns have themselves been part of creating it. The internationally acclaimed poet Morten Søndergaard collected and transcribed dreams from the residents. The words of his transcription were pounded through anthracite grey plates, and the letters create a shadow relief that changes according to the daylight, time of year, and even the weather.

The dreams become clearer as darkness falls, or when you move close to the surface of the wall. The lighting designer chose LED sources, and aimed them so that light bounces off the back wall and shines indirectly through the holes in the façade. The source of light remains concealed, not blinding the spectator or shattering the illusion.

The Wall of Dreams appealed to the judges through the project team’s belief that lighting – together with the many other disciplines involved in its creation and realization – can help facilitate community involvement by fostering a sense of individual and group ownership in the urban environment.

“Incredible!” one judge exclaimed. “The opportunity for a whole community to participate with beautiful messages. A historic, timeless application of light for generations to appreciate.”

The IALD Lighting Design Awards program, established in 1983, honors lighting projects that display high aesthetic achievement backed by technical expertise. Additionally, projects can also be submitted for consideration in the sustainable design award category, which means the project undergoes an additional round of judging keyed solely to the fulfillment of sustainable design principles. A panel of award-winning lighting designers, architects and interior designers review the projects.
For complete details and high resolution photos of this year’s award-winning projects, visit iald.org.

The International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD), established in 1969, is an international organization supporting a network of more than 1,250 lighting design professionals who satisfy its rigorous qualification process. Its members are distinguished by a unique blend of aesthetic and technical expertise, and operate at the highest level of integrity to create a better world through leadership and excellence in lighting design; to cultivate the universal acknowledgement and appreciation of the Power of Light in human life.

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