

## ADAC REVEALS FINALISTS FOR SOUTHEAST DESIGNERS AND ARCHITECT OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Winners to be Announced at Awards Gala on Thursday, May 1

**ATLANTA** – ADAC is proud to announce the finalists for the 2014 Southeast Designers and Architect of the Year awards. These finalists exemplify the highest level of talent in the categories of contract design, residential design and architecture. This year's winners will be announced at the annual ADAC Southeast Designers and Architect of the Year Awards Gala held on Thursday, May 1 from 6 to 9 p.m.

"We have raised the bar with our panel of elite judges, which has increased the prestige of these awards among the industry," said Katie Belveal, ADAC general manager. "The competition was steep with nominees from more diverse areas in the region than ever before and finalists amongst individuals and firms who are at the forefront of design. We are thrilled to recognize their talents at this year's Gala."

Judges were provided with anonymous portfolios of work that had been submitted by firms throughout the southeast. This year's judging process has taken a new direction by introducing judges who have architecture and interior design perspectives. In addition to the continued participation of ADAC's co-sponsor, VERANDA's Editor in Chief Clint Smith, ADAC added two additional judges who are currently working architects and interior designers. Bobby McAlpine of McAlpine Tankersley Architecture and Timothy Corrigan of Timothy Corrigan, Inc. bring an authentic perspective to this dynamic judging group.

Please find below the finalists for the 2014 Southeast Designers and Architect of the Year Awards:

Residential Design Finalists	Contract Design Nominees	Architect Nominees
Beth Webb, Beth Webb Interiors Atlanta, GA	Susan B. Bozeman, Susan B. Bozeman Designs, Inc. Atlanta, GA	Ken Pursley and Craig Dixon, Pursley Dixon Architecture, Inc. Charlotte, NC
Bill Ingram, Bill Ingram Architect Birmingham, AL	John and Vivian Bencich, Square Feet Studio <i>Atlanta, GA</i>	Frederick Spitzmiller and Robert Norris, Spitzmiller & Norris, Inc. <i>Atlanta, GA</i>
William Peace, ASID, Peace Design Atlanta, GA	Ken Pursley and Craig Dixon, Pursley Dixon Architecture, Inc. in collaboration with Rebecca Harrison, Smith-Harris Associates <i>Charlotte, NC</i>	
Robert Brown, Robert Brown Interior Design <i>Atlanta, GA</i>	Rita Carson Guest and John Guest, Carson Guest Interior Design Atlanta, GA	1
Rozanne Jackson, Roxanne Jackson Interiors Franklin, TN	Robert Brown, Robert Brown Interior Design Atlanta, GA	

VERANDA's partnership in this process has elevated the prestige of this award to a national level. In addition to media exposure in VERANDA, winners, selected from the above finalists, will receive a national exposure in *Editor-at-Large*.

The awards celebration coincides with ADAC's annual design week, DESIGN ADAC, which is co-sponsored by VERANDA and will take place this week from April 28 – May 2. A full schedule of DESIGN ADAC events can be found here, <a href="https://www.adacatlanta.com/design-adac">www.adacatlanta.com/design-adac</a>.

## About ADAC:

ADAC is a community-focused, nationally-recognized leader in the world of interior design and home fashion, built over 50 years ago by renowned architect and developer John Portman. For a half-century it has served as the essential one-stop shopping resource for interior designers, architects, and builders.

The ADAC campus consists of 550,000 square feet with over 60 showrooms offering 1,200 of the industry's finest product lines including furniture, fabric, rugs, lighting, accessories, floor and wall coverings, antiques, fine art and framing, kitchens, bath, tile and stone, and home theater products. Likewise, ADAC's extensive services include custom designs such as framing, electronic systems, faux-finishing, and draperies.

In addition, signature industry presentations, celebrity and media events, educational programs and networking opportunities held throughout the year make ADAC truly a one-of-a-kind, design destination. To learn more, visit <a href="www.adacatlanta.com">www.adacatlanta.com</a>.

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