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ADAC ANNOUNCES 17 FINALISTS FOR SOUTHEAST DESIGNERS AND ARCHITECT OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Finalist Meet and Greet to be Held on Wednesday, April 27 & Winners Announcement Thursday, April 28 at Private Gala

ATLANTA –ADAC (Atlanta Decorative Arts Center) is pleased to announce the finalists for the 2016 Southeast Designers and Architect of the Year Awards. Representing six states within ADAC’s 10-state region, the recognized firms exemplify the highest level of talent in the categories of residential design, contract design, and architecture.

“We have an incredible group of notable firms and new talent making the list of finalists this year,” explained Katie Miner, ADAC General Manager. “The mix of well-established names combined with rising stars is a great way to celebrate the present and the future of our industry.”

Finalists and winners were selected by a panel of three acclaimed judges including VERANDA Editor in Chief Clinton Smith; interior designer Vicente Wolf of Vicente Wolf Associates, Inc.; and architect Michael G. Imber of Michael G. Imber, Architects. Clinton Smith is an award-winning journalist who has been covering the fields of interior design, style, architecture, travel, and other luxury lifestyle topics for more than 15 years. During his time at VERANDA, the magazine has become the ultimate sourcebook for those on a quest for the best, showcasing the finest in decorating, outdoor living, fine jewelry, flowers, and entertaining. Based in New York, Vicente Wolf is a celebrated interior designer and the publisher of three books on design who offers over 30 years of experience on an international platform. Michael G. Imber’s eponymous firm, Michael G. Imber Architects, is a modern classical design firm based in San Antonio, Texas. His mission is to promote an American architecture reflective of our cultural history and modern lifestyle. VERANDA’s long-standing partnership with the Southeast Designers and Architect of the Year Awards, as well as the addition of two of the nation’s top design professionals, make this one of the most prestigious design awards in the country. In addition to media exposure in VERANDA, winners, selected from the finalists listed below, will receive national exposure in *Editor at Large*.

The Southeast Designers and Architect of the Year Awards coincides with ADAC’s annual spring market week, DESIGN ADAC, which is co-sponsored by VERANDA and will take place April 25 – April 28. In addition to announcing the winners, this year’s DESIGN ADAC event will also feature an incredible roster of designers and industry elite who will educate and inspire guests on how to customize any and every aspect of their environment. ADAC, VERANDA, and Donghia invite you to meet and celebrate the 2016 finalists of the Southeast Designers & Architect of the Year Awards at the Donghia showroom, Suite 317, April 27th at 5 p.m. Media interested in attending the finalist meet and greet can RSVP [here](#). For a full schedule of DESIGN ADAC events, as well as information about the reception, visit: www.adacatlanta.com/design-adac.

2016 Southeast Designers and Architect of the Year Finalists:

Residential Design Finalists	
Stephanie Sabbe Sabbe Interior Design <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Kristin Drohan Kristin Drohan Collection, LLC <i>Roswell, GA</i>
Melanie Turner Melanie Turner Interiors <i>Atlanta, GA</i>	Cathy Austin, ASID Catherine M. Austin Interior Design <i>Charlotte, NC</i>
Jane Hollman & Linda McArthur Studio Entourage <i>Atlanta, GA</i>	Tammy Connor Tammy Connor Interior Design <i>Birmingham, AL</i>
Mark Williams Design Associates <i>Atlanta, GA</i>	Joel Kelly Joel Kelly Design <i>Atlanta, GA</i>
Amy Morris Amy Morris Interiors <i>Atlanta, GA</i>	Susan M. Jamieson Bridget Beari Designs, Inc. <i>Richmond, VA</i>
Contract Design Finalists	
Susan B. Bozeman Susan B. Bozeman Designs <i>Atlanta, GA</i>	ai3, Inc. <i>Atlanta, GA</i>
Architect Finalists	
Frederick Spitzmiller Spitzmiller & Norris, Inc. <i>Atlanta, GA</i>	Jeffrey Dungan Jeffrey Dungan Architects <i>Birmingham, AL</i>
Stan Dixon D. Stanley Dixon Architect <i>Atlanta, GA</i>	Dean and Dean / Associates Architects <i>Jackson, MS</i>
Historical Concepts <i>Atlanta, GA</i>	

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 www.adacatlanta.com.

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