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The 2014 Governor General's Medals in Architecture honour heritage, the environment and education

Ottawa, April 23, 2014 - The Canada Council for the Arts and RAIC | Architecture Canada today announced the recipients of the Governor General's Medals in Architecture. The awards celebrate outstanding design in recently completed projects by Canadian architects. The winning buildings reflect excellence in sustainable design, innovation and compatibility with the landscape.

The 2014 winners

- [60 Richmond East Housing Co-Operative](#) (Toronto): Teeple Architects Inc.
- [Centennial College Athletic and Wellness Centre](#) (Toronto): Kongats Architects
- [Centre for International Governance Innovation Campus](#) (Waterloo, Ont.): KPMB Architects
- [Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Centre for Drug Research and Development](#), University of British Columbia (Vancouver): Saucier + Perrotte Architectes / Hughes Condon Marler Architects
- [Joseph L. Rotman School of Management Expansion](#), University of Toronto: KPMB Architects
- [Mies van der Rohe gas station](#) (Verdun, Que.): Les Architectes FABG
- [North Vancouver City Hall](#): Lead design architect: Michael Green, FRAIC, Formerly of mcfarlane green biggar ARCHITECTURE + DESIGN, Now of MGA | MICHAEL GREEN ARCHITECTURE
- [OMS Stage](#) (Winnipeg): 5468796 Architecture Inc.
- [Raymond-Lévesque Public Library](#), (Saint-Hubert, Que.): Atelier TAG and Jodoin Lamarre Pratte architectes en consortium
- [Residence for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto](#): Shim-Sutcliffe Architects Inc.
- [The Bloor Gladstone Library](#) (Toronto): RDH Architects Inc. in association with Shoalts and Zaback Architects Ltd.
- [Tula House](#) (Quadra Island, B.C.) Patkau Architects Inc.

About the winners and events

- Eleven of the 12 buildings selected this year were built to enhance community life. Projects include cooperative housing, university buildings, a city hall, a community centre, an outdoor stage and two libraries.
- Winners will present their projects in a free public lecture in the auditorium of the National Gallery of Canada on May 12 at 6 p.m.
- The Awards will be presented during a ceremony at Rideau Hall on May 13 at 2 p.m.

Quotes

"Our built environments have a profound impact on our lives and communities," said His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada. "That is why I am so pleased to honour the many talented Canadian architects at work today, including the recipients of this year's Governor General's Medals in Architecture. Working as individuals and in teams, they have made lasting architectural contributions to communities in Canada and internationally, and for that I am truly grateful."

"The 2014 winning projects are gathering places for sharing knowledge, building community, governing cities, meeting neighbours and engaging with the arts and culture," said Robert Sirman, Director and CEO of the Canada Council. "Architecture may well be the art form that affects us most and the Canada Council for the Arts is proud to celebrate the best of Canadian architecture with these awards."

"This year presents yet another wonderful example of our Canadian diversity as seen through the recipients' talent and varied projects," said Wayne De Angelis, RAIC president. "Their work displays conceptual clarity, responsible design, compatibility with site, innovation and detailing," he said. "It expresses a uniqueness which we are proud to call Canadian."

About the awards

- The [Governor General's Medals in Architecture](#), created by RAIC | Architecture Canada contribute to the development of the discipline and practice of architecture, and increase public awareness of architecture as a vital cultural force in Canadian society.
- These awards are administered jointly with the [Canada Council for the Arts](#), which is responsible for the adjudication process and contributes to the publication highlighting the medal winners.
- Members of the 2014 peer assessment committee were: James KM Cheng, FRAIC; Maxime Frappier, MIRAC; David Miller, MRAIC; Roberta Brandes Gratz and Dorte Mandrup.

The [Royal Architectural Institute of Canada](#) is a voluntary national association established in 1907 as the voice for architecture and the profession in Canada. Representing about 4,800 members, the RAIC advocates for excellence in the built environment, celebrates the richness and diversity of architecture in Canada and supports architects in achieving excellence.

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