COLUMBUS

INTERIOR DESIGN AWARDS

CALL *for* ENTRY
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Introduction:

The Columbus City Center of the IIDA Ohio Kentucky Chapter, is delighted to announce the 2025 Columbus Interior Design Awards. We cordially invite all Associate IIDA and Professional IIDA members to participate by submitting their remarkable work. This year's award ceremony, scheduled for November 20th, will celebrate the exceptional designs of central Ohio, providing a platform to honor and showcase their achievements. We are thrilled to announce David Euscher, Interiors Studio Design Director in the Houston office of Corgan, a global leader in architecture and interior design. He brings passionate curiosity to his work, focused on the interrelationships between culture, technology and design. David earned a Bachelor of Science in Interior Design from the University of Texas at Austin, and a Master of Architecture from The Ohio State University. David is the 2025 Chair of the ASID National Board of Directors.

Schedule:

- **August 14ᵗʰ** - Virtual Launch Party
- **August 14ᵗʰ** - Call for Entry Opens
- **September 24ᵗʰ at 5:00 PM** - Call for Entry Closes
- **October 20ⁿᵈ** - Event Ticket Sales Open
- **November 20ᵗʰ** - Awards Ceremony

Awards Eligibility:

- The submitting designer must be an IIDA member in good standing with the Columbus City Center of the Ohio Kentucky Chapter of the International Interior Design Association, practicing within the boundaries of the Columbus City Center.

- Firms that operate from multiple offices or branches, representing multiple IIDA chapters, may only submit entries wherein the primary design phases were performed by the Columbus office or branch.

- The submitting firm or individual must be the primary interior designer, responsible for the overall design on the project concept.

- Project entries must be built work, substantially completed after January 1, 2023, regardless of project size, geographical location, budget, style, or building type.

How to Enter:

1. Determine how many projects you plan to enter and under which categories. There is no limit to the quantity of submissions.

2. Organize all documentation needed for the entry process (see Entry Documentation below).

3. Visit the event website at *www.iidaohky.org/columbus-designawards* and begin registration.

4. Payment must be submitted at the time of entry. Credit card is the only accepted form of payment and is completed directly through the entry website during the registration process. Email confirmation and receipt of payment will be automatically sent to the email provided at registration.
   a. **Entry Fees: *$225.00 per project***

Submission Categories:

The jury will evaluate all projects based on the aesthetic, functional, contextual, social, and sustainable characteristics of the design. All evaluations will be based solely on the information contained in the submissions. The jury will not visit projects. The jury retains the right to award multiple awards within each category.

- Entries may be in one of the following categories:
    - LEARN - HIGHER ED (higher education institutes)
    - LEARN - K-12 (K-12 education institutes)
    - WORK - (corporate)
    - LIVE - (multifamily housing, senior living, residential)
    - ENGAGE – (public, civic, performing arts, places of worship)
    - HEAL – (healthcare, assisted living)
    - PLAY – (hospitality, restaurants, retail)
    - CREATIVE INSTALL – Innovative 'mini' projects or creative design solutions within larger projects. Highlight your small-scale design solutions including (but not limited to) exhibits, custom pieces, and/or millwork, conceptual contest submissions, client-focused brand strategy, etc. This category is only open to manufacturer representatives.

Have questions about your submission or want to discuss which category your project best fits? Email Columbus Design Awards Chairs - Bonny Rienecke or Raine Dearing at *iidacbus.events@gmail.com*

Entry Documentation:

Please note that nothing that identifies the firm in any way is permitted on any of the project presentation submission materials. Once the files have been uploaded, the IIDA Columbus City Center will replace the firm name with a unique number for each entrant before submitting to the judges in order to maintain anonymity.

Compile the Entry:
The submission process is entirely digital; no hard copy submissions are accepted. To submit a completed entry, please assemble the following files:

- **PDF Presentation**
    - 7 (minimum) to 15 (maximum) pages.
    - The first page shall be a concise description of the project and shall include: the project name, location, name of the client/owner, a statement of the problem, a description of the site and environs, and the design intentions and distinguishing factors of the work.
    - The remaining pages should contain the drawings (site plan, floor plans, sections) and photographs necessary to best represent the project and in the order the entrant would like them viewed.
    - The design of the pages are at the applicant's discretion.
    - The PDF presentation shall be of Landscape Orientation, page size 1920 x 1080 px
    - Label file as: ***Category Name_Project Name_Presentation***

Entry Documentation cont.:

Compile the Entry cont.:

- **(2) High Resolution Images for Marketing Purposes & Awards Ceremony**
    - Your choice of the best two (2) images representing the project.
    - JPEG, 300 dpi, 1920 x 1080 px.
    - The photographer credit can be assigned on the entry form.
        - Label as: *Category Name_Project Name_Image 1* and *Category Name_Project Name_ Image 2*

Submission Process:

1. Visit the IIDA Ohio Kentucky website to fill out the entry form & submit payment.
    a. Website - *www.iidaohky.org/columbus-designawards*
    b. Have the following information ready:
        i. Firm Contact Name
        ii. Firm Contact E-mail
        iii. Firm Name
        iv. IIDA Member Name
        v. IIDA Member Number (Must be an active IIDA Member)
        vi. Project Name
        vii. Year of Completion (must be after 1/1/2023)
2. Visit Judgify to upload your project submission files.
    a. Judgify link: *www.judgify.me/2025CIDA*
    b. Have the following information ready:
        i. Category
        ii. Project name
        iii. Firm name
        iv. Point of contact email
        v. Project PDF Presentation (see info above)
        vi. High resolution images (see info above)
    c. *Note: Each project submission must be entered separately. Do not upload photos or documents from multiple projects at the same time.*

Once your upload is successfully uploaded and payment has been processed, you will receive an email within 24-72 hours from the IIDA Columbus City Center confirming it was received. Please remember that the submission deadline is September 24, 2025 at 5:00 PM.

Fine Print:

- Judging will take place by Interior Design Industry Professionals. A panel of distinguished judges will review the project entries to determine outstanding achievement in design. The size, scope, category, or cost of a project in no way limits the eligibility or level of award. The jury will consider each project based on its own unique program, needs, and challenges.

- Winning entries will be made public at the event, **_submitters will not be notified in advance_** if their projects win an award. Awards will be given based on the discretion of the judges: a winner in each category is not guaranteed. All approved entries that follow the rules of entry will be recognized at the awards ceremony via a slide show presentation.

- Firms have an unlimited number of submissions in each category.

- **REMINDER:** do not include any information that could reveal the name of your firm in the narrative, on floor plans, or in photography. This includes but is not limited to elements within the photographed spaces, title blocks, file names, etc. If the firm name or logo is identified in the submission documents, this is grounds for disqualification and removal of the project from judging **_without a refund or ability to resubmit._**

- Double check that all entry information complies with these requirements prior to your final submission. Project narrative plans and other details of the entry will be kept confidential and shared only for the judging process. However, by submitting you accept that IIDA Ohio Kentucky has full rights to use the Project Photography at the event and for marketing purposes for the event.

- If a vertical photo is submitted as your first 'preferred' image, IIDA Ohio Kentucky reserves the right to choose an alternate landscape photo for the event presentation and marketing purposes.

- Projects must be submitted by the Architecture or Interior Design Firm that completed the projects.

- IIDA Ohio Kentucky reserves the right to eliminate any entries that do not meet the minimum submission requirements.

- IIDA Ohio Kentucky will promote and recognize winners on the IIDA Ohio Kentucky websites, newsletters, and social media. All press releases will be sent to the local media.

- A reminder that tickets to the event are **NOT** included in the cost of project entries and must be purchased separately. Tickets will go on sale October 20th, 2025, see website for more information.

- Projects previously submitted to IIDA Ohio Kentucky Chapter awards are eligible to be resubmitted for IIDA Columbus Interior Design awards as long as the project meets the other relevant criteria outlined in this document.

- The IIDA member listed on the entry form must be in good standing as of the submission deadline, and the member must have contributed to the design of the submitted project.