

## ARCHITIZER ANNOUNCES 2014 A+ AWARDS HONOREES

Denise Scott Brown & Robert Venturi, Bjarke Ingels, and Robert Wennett  
Among Recipients of Special Achievement Awards

**New York** – Architizer will recognize honorees Denise Scott Brown & Robert Venturi, Bjarke Ingels Group, Robert Wennett, Hugh Broughton Architects, Knoll, Inc., and David Benjamin at the second annual Architizer A+ Awards Gala May 15<sup>th</sup>, at Highline Stages in New York.

Honorees will be presented with Special Achievement Awards acknowledging their contributions to the architectural field including: Lifetime Achievement (Denise Scott Brown & Robert Venturi), Firm of the Year (Bjarke Ingels Group), Patron of the Year (Robert Wennett), Art & Science (Hugh Broughton Architects), Product (Knoll, Inc.), and Technology (David Benjamin).

Paying tribute to Denise Scott Brown as a trailblazer and role model to generations of women in architecture, the Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented by a group of prominent female architects including Annabelle Selldorf, Monica Ponce de Leon, Winka Dubbeldum, and Amale Andraos. In addition, honorary awards will be given in Technology by Microsoft and Art & Science by Cadillac.

Alongside honorees, Architizer will recognize A+ Award winners in 60+ categories. This year's A+ Awards winners comprise a total of 129 firms and companies, including such notable firms as Studio Fuksas, Zaha Hadid Architects, SOM, and BIG. The celebration will continue with an after party at the Top of The Standard at The Standard, Highline.

### **About Denise Scott Brown & Robert Venturi | Lifetime Achievement Award**

Regarded as among the most influential architects of the twentieth century, husband and wife Denise Scott Brown and Robert Venturi have impacted designers and thinkers worldwide through their built work as principals of Venturi, Scott Brown and Associates, in addition to their commitment to theoretical writing and teaching.

### **About Bjarke Ingels Group | Firm of the Year Award**

With offices in Copenhagen and New York City, international architectural firm Bjarke Ingels Group has drawn extensive attention and acclaim for their pragmatic utopian architecture since being founded in 2005. The firm is currently involved in a large number of projects, including several large-scale commissions throughout Europe, North America, Asia, and the Middle East.

### **About Robert Wennett | Patron of the Year Award**

Robert Wennett, President of UIA Management, has over 20 years of experience conceiving and developing urban environments. To fulfill his vision for his most recent project, 11 11 Lincoln Road, Wennett engaged the Swiss-based architectural firm Herzog and de Meuron, as well as Raymond Jungles, a Miami-based landscape architect.

### **About Hugh Broughton Architects | Art & Science Award presented by Cadillac**

Since its foundation in 1995, Hugh Broughton Architects has developed a reputation for well-considered contemporary designs spanning the cultural, science, and business sectors. Exploring new forms of construction and drawing from the full breadth of available technologies, the firm has enjoyed immense success in designing for extreme environments and is a global leader in the design of scientific research facilities in the Polar Regions.

### **About Knoll, Inc. | Collaboration Award**

Knoll, a leader in modern furniture design for over 75 years, teamed up with architecture studio OMA and Principal Rem Koolhaas to produce the Tools for Life furniture collection. With this collection, Koolhaas joins Knoll's pantheon of modern masters, which includes such figures as Mies van der Rohe, Eero Saarinen, and Frank Gehry.



**About David Benjamin | Technology Award presented by Microsoft Surface**

David Benjamin is a professor at Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, where he formed the Living Architecture Lab, which experiments with new systems and adaptive technologies through open source, collaborative, hands-on design. He is also Co-founder and Principal Architect of The Living, a firm dedicated to creating architecture that is both interactive and responsive to environmental conditions.

**ABOUT THE ARCHITIZER A+ AWARDS:** Called “Facebook for Architects” by The New York Times, **Architizer** is the world’s leading platform for architecture. The A+ Awards break architecture out of its echo chamber and reconnect the public with the buildings around them. In partnership with the producers of **The Webby Awards**, the A+ Awards have 200+ jurors, 60+ categories, and a statuette designed by **Snarkitecture**. The initiative is supported and covered by **our partners** Cadillac, Microsoft, Cool Hunting, Gizmodo, and The Standard.

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