About the Prize

The RAIC International Prize was created in 2013 to share Canadian architectural values with an international audience and to celebrate architecture that is socially transformative.

Distinguished Canadian architect Raymond Moriyama, CC FRAIC RCA, had the original vision for a prize celebrating great architecture that transforms society and promotes the humanistic values of equality, respect and inclusiveness. He worked with the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC) and the RAIC Foundation to establish the Prize, originally known as the Moriyama RAIC International Prize.

The RAIC International Prize is awarded every two years. It consists of a monetary award of CAD $100,000 and a sculpture designed by Canadian designer Wei Yew.

The competition is open to all architects irrespective of nationality and location. Any architect, team of architects, or architect-led collaboration is invited to submit a building or a related group of buildings that has been completed and in use for the intended purpose for at least two years prior before the entry deadline.

There are no prescriptions concerning the scale of the work, the building program, or the cost of construction. Candidates are limited to a single submission per award cycle.

The jury will consider a number of criteria in the evaluation of submissions, including:

- The building’s formal and experiential qualities;
- The efficiency and effectiveness of the building in use;
- Response to site, climate and environmental conditions;
- Quality of engagement with the broader context — social, cultural, historical, and political;
- Craftsmanship;
- Timelessness.

For more information on the RAIC International Prize, please see the Terms of Reference at internationalprize.raic.org.
RAIC INTERNATIONAL PRIZE SCHOLARSHIPS

The RAIC International Prize Scholarships are three scholarships awarded in conjunction with the RAIC International Prize.

The RAIC International Prize Scholarships are open to:

- Students registered in a Canadian university architecture program in the 2018-2019 academic year;
- Students registered in 2018-2019 in the RAIC Centre for Architecture at Athabasca University, and;
- Students of the RAIC Syllabus Program.

Three scholarships of CAD $5,000 will be awarded. Winners will be announced at the gala.

2017 RECIPIENTS

Osman Bari  
University of Waterloo

Alykhan Neky  
Ryerson University

Tanya Southcott  
McGill University
THE GALA

The gala is an exciting event with an opportunity to meet the shortlisted project recipients as well as the scholarship recipients. The event will be held on Friday, October 25, 2019, at the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel in Toronto, ON. This inspiring celebration kicks off the 2019 RAIC Festival of Architecture taking place October 26-30 in Toronto with a theme of “The Future of Architecture.” Gala tickets will be available for purchase through the Festival of Architecture registration site.

Architects and industry professionals from across the country will come together to honour the winner of the RAIC International Prize and to celebrate the unique values of the prize which promotes social justice, respect, and inclusiveness.

This document outlines ways that your organization can support the gala and contribute to creating an event that celebrates and inspires life-changing architecture.

If you wish to also donate to the RAIC Foundation to support the scholarship program, we’d be pleased to discuss this option with you.

“TAKAHARU TEZUKA, TEZUKA ARCHITECTS
2017 RAIC INTERNATIONAL PRIZE WINNER

I FEEL NOW THERE IS SOMEONE WHO UNDERSTANDS THIS PROJECT WELL. I THINK IT’S QUITE A UNIQUE PRIZE BECAUSE IT’S ABOUT CONTRIBUTING TO SOCIETY.

– Takaharu Tezuka, Tezuka Architects
2017 RAIC International Prize winner

AMONG THE ARCHITECTURE PRIZES IN THE WORLD, THE RAIC INTERNATIONAL PRIZE IS REMARKABLE. IT’S ABOUT CANADA BEING PRESENT ON THE WORLD STAGE AND ENCOURAGING VALUES THAT CANADIANS BELIEVE ARE IMPORTANT. IT RECOGNIZES THE DEDICATION, PASSION, AND SACRIFICE REQUIRED TO MAKE ARCHITECTURE THAT CREATES NEW POSSIBILITIES FOR ITS USERS AND MAKES AN EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO ITS COMMUNITY.

– Michael Cox, FRAIC
RAIC President

2017 SHORTLIST, FROM TOP TO BOTTOM: 8 HOUSE, DENMARK BIG, BJARKE INGELS GROUP // FUJI KINDERGARTEN, JAPAN, TEZUKA ARCHITECTS – 2017 WINNER // MELBOURNE SCHOOL OF DESIGN, AUSTRALIA, JOHN WARDLE ARCHITECTS AND NADAAA // THE VILLAGE ARCHITECT, CANADA, MACKAY-LYONS SWEETAPPLE ARCHITECTS
GOLD LEVEL $25,000
THREE AVAILABLE

➢ Eight tickets to the Gala Reception and Dinner
➢ Opportunity at the podium
➢ Formal recognition as a sponsor of the gala during the event with:
  • Signage at the event provided by the organizers;
  • Company logo inclusion in the gala program;
  • Corporate slide on stage.
➢ Inclusion in the following media and marketing:
  • Profile in the Festival of Architecture app;
  • Promo messages in the Festival of Architecture app;
  • Logo on the RAIC news page;
  • Media release(s) sent nationally and internationally;
  • Recognition in the RAIC Bulletin;
  • Recognition in Canadian Architect print and online magazine;
  • Logo placement and recognition in letters, forms and invitations;
  • Logo placement on the Call for Submissions;
  • Logo in Festival of Architecture emails;
  • Logo and link on the prize website.
➢ Benefits at the Festival of Architecture:
  • One exhibit booth;
  • Option of placing one item in the conference bag;
  • Two special event tickets.
SILVER LEVEL $10,000
MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES

➤ Four tickets to the Gala Reception and Dinner
➤ Formal recognition as a sponsor of the gala during the event with:
  • Event-specific signage indicating sponsorship of this event;
  • Company logo inclusion in the gala program.
➤ Inclusion in the following media and marketing:
  • Logo and link on the prize website;
  • Recognition in the RAIC Bulletin;
  • Logo on the RAIC news page;
  • Media release(s) sent nationally and internationally;
  • Logo in Festival of Architecture emails.
➤ Benefits at the Festival of Architecture:
  • Option of placing one item in the conference bag;
  • Four special event tickets.

BRONZE LEVEL $5,000
MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES

➤ Two tickets to the Gala Reception and Dinner
➤ Formal recognition as a sponsor of the gala during the event with company logo inclusion in the gala program
➤ Inclusion in the following media and marketing:
  • Logo and link on the prize website;
  • Recognition in the RAIC Bulletin;
  • Logo on the RAIC news page.
➤ Benefits at the Festival of Architecture:
  • Option of placing one item in the conference bag;
  • Two special event tickets.

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CAD $100,000 AWARD

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For a building that transforms its society by promoting humanistic values of social equity, respect, and inclusiveness, and by creating environments for the well-being of all people.

2014 RECIPIENT
THE LIYUAN LIBRARY, CHINA
BY LI XIAODONG

2017 RECIPIENT
FUJI KINDERGARTEN, JAPAN
BY TEZUKA ARCHITECTS

RAIC INTERNATIONAL PRIZE 2019

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