HELSINGBORG WATERFRONT HONORED WITH IALD AWARD OF EXCELLENCE + SUSTAINABILITY
LIGHTING DESIGN BY ÅF – HANSEN & HENNEBERG

PHILADELPHIA, PA USA, 18 MAY 2011 | Seventeen award winners representing architectural lighting design projects from nine countries comprise the winners of the 28th Annual International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD) International Lighting Design Awards, recognized at a presentation held 18 May at the Crystal Tea Room in Philadelphia, PA USA.

Accepting the IALD Award of Excellence + Sustainability for Helsingborg Waterfront were Allan Ruberg and Christian Klinge of ÅF – Hansen & Henneberg.

The lighting of the Helsingborg Waterfront, which includes recreational urban spaces, a promenade and a street, needed to tackle the challenges associated with lighting areas near water, including avoiding unwanted water reflection and preserving the free view of the night sky and ocean. Light intensity and level of staging gradually decreases towards the water, leaving the beach unspoiled.

“Forget floodlighting, obnoxious dropped lenses from streetlights, light trespass and the unnatural feeling so many outdoor public promenades have – this project is a playground!” one judge exclaimed. “The lighting, by itself, takes charge of setting the stage for unique human interactions.”

The purpose of the design concept was to create an inviting and beautiful waterfront to facilitate an active evening life in the area. Gobo projections with specially designed patterns and fiber light points recessed into the concrete surface create a visual experience in reference to the locality. Gobo projectors are mounted on wooden poles to further support the overall maritime design theme. The projectors are well-shielded and adjusted to ensure glare-free lighting and visual comfort, creating a pleasing play of light and shadow.

“The unexpected use of projected shadow patterns and lighting effects add interest and a dynamic quality to this exterior area, generating a new urban space,” another judge praised of the design.

The IALD Lighting Design Awards program, established in 1983, honors lighting projects that display high aesthetic achievement backed by technical expertise. Additionally, projects can also be submitted for consideration in the sustainable design award category, which means the project undergoes an additional round of judging keyed solely to the fulfillment of sustainable design principles. A panel of award-winning lighting designers, architects and interior designers review the projects.

The International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD), established in 1969, is an international organization supporting a network of 800 lighting design professionals who satisfy its rigorous qualification process. Its members are distinguished by a unique blend of aesthetic and technical expertise, and operate at the highest level of integrity to create a better world through leadership and excellence in lighting design; to cultivate the universal acknowledgement and appreciation of the Power of Light in human life.
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