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MUNICIPAL THEATER OF ZAFRA HONORED WITH IALD AWARD OF MERIT
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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 Merit for the MUNICIPAL THEATER OF ZAFRA was Enrique Krahe Marina of Enrique Krahe Arquitectos/Architecen.

Theaters have traditionally restricted and moderated the effect of natural light in favor of sophisticated lighting controls. However, at the Theater of Zafra, natural light supplements electric lighting, reinforcing the playful nature of the facility and creating a calm atmosphere to ready visitors for a performance.

“The lighting is simple, playful and very theatrical in keeping with the theme,” one IALD awards judge commented.

The lighting design tackles the desire for versatility in the facility and challenges the traditional passive role of spectators. Instead, lighting schemes encourage visitors to become more active participants in the creative process. The lighting in the bathrooms, for example, mimics that of a typical backstage dressing room, allowing spectators to role play as actors preparing to take the stage.

“A playful and expressive use of lighting devices in unexpected ways, which respond to the architectural design vocabulary,” another judge praised of the project.

No commercial luminaires are used in most areas of the building. Instead, the theater employs fluorescent and incandescent lamps combining various types and color temperatures, re-creating natural lighting conditions and resulting in high performance and low energy consumption.

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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