STARLIGHT RECEIVES IALD AWARD OF MERIT
LIGHTING DESIGN BY COOPER JOSEPH STUDIO

LAS VEGAS, NV USA, 4 JUNE 2014 | Sixteen award winners representing architectural lighting design projects from ten countries—representing an increasingly diverse group of award-winning projects for the IALD awards—comprise the winners of the 31st Annual International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD) International Lighting Design Awards, recognized at a presentation held 4 June at the Renaissance Las Vegas Hotel in Las Vegas, NV USA. Of the sixteen projects recognized, four entries earned a Special Citation, five earned Awards of Merit and seven earned Awards of Excellence.

Accepting the IALD Award of Merit for STARLIGHT were Glenn Chinn and Kenzan Tsutakawa-Chinn of Studio 1Thousand, the LED lighting consultants on the project.

This site-specific light sculpture marks a new era for the Museum of the City of New York, igniting the majestic circular stair at the heart of the historic interior. As visitors move between floors, the optical effects inherent in the geometry of a uniform spatial grid generate an array of dynamic patterns.

Each light diode, or pixel, is constructed from double-sided circuit boards, on which white LED chips are mounted. The light focuses public engagement in a way the Museum has not seen in years, joining old and new in one phenomenon.

"Mind blowing!" one judge exclaimed. "I am in awe of the discipline required to bring the conceptualization of this piece through fabrication to execution - the lowly diode becomes transcendent and the future of the LED knows no limits."

Hanging from the 2nd floor ceiling, the body of LED strands occupies the center of the elliptical stair. The sculpture is 42", or seven strands in depth.

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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31st ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIGHTING DESIGNERS AWARDS PROJECT CREDITS

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