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PRO AV Announces 15 Winners of its Second Annual Spotlight Awards

Growing awards program draws the top professional audio/video integration projects across all markets, sizes, and scopes.

Washington, D.C., June 1, 2009—PRO AV, published by Hanley Wood LLC, today announced 15 winners of its second annual PRO AV Spotlight Awards program. The Spotlight Awards recognize the best professional audio/video installations designed for corporate, educational, and other non-residential applications.

“The second year of the Spotlight Awards surpassed the first,” said Brad Grimes, Editor of PRO AV and PRO AV Online. “This time around, we established the awards to be able to recognize smaller projects as well as much larger, multimillion-dollar installations. While entries were still predominantly large-scale, judges were able to pick out some gems that cost under \$250,000.”



Entries in the 2009 PRO AV Spotlight Awards came from around the world, in vertical market categories including Corporate, Retail, Education, House of Worship, Government, Health Care, Entertainment/Arts, Museum, and Hospitality/Restaurant/Casino.

“As the economy struggles, we hear that the education market is still ripe for great AV systems,” said Grimes. “This year’s Spotlight Awards reflect the scope of all that work, to the point where we couldn’t name just one top education project.”

The 2009 PRO AV Spotlight Award winners are:

Best Corporate AV Project

ITC Holdings Headquarters & Control Room (Novi, Mich.)
 AV Integrator: IGI, Commerce, Mich.
 Architect/Designer: Gillett Associates, Farmington Hills, Mich.

Best Education AV Project (tie)

University of Nevada, Reno Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center (Reno, Nev.)
 AV Consultant: Wrightson, Johnson, Haddon & Williams, Dallas
 AV Integrator: General Communications Inc., Draper, Utah
 Architect/Designer: Hershenow + Klippenstein Architects, Reno, Nev.

Best Education AV Project (tie)

Temple University Fox School of Business, Alter Hall (Philadelphia)
 AV Consultant: Acentech Inc., Cambridge, Mass.
 AV Integrator: Total Video Products Inc., Mickleton, N.J.
 Architect/Designer: Michael Graves and Associates, New York

Best Education AV Project (Under \$250K)

Illinois College of Optometry, Third Floor Eye Labs (Chicago)
AV Integrator: United Visual Inc., Itasca, Ill.
Architect/Designer: Jensen & Halstead Ltd, Chicago

Best Entertainment/Arts AV Project

The Grammy Museum at L.A. Live (Los Angeles)
AV Integrator: Design and Production Inc., Lorton, Va.
Architect/Designer: Gallagher & Associates, San Francisco

Best Government AV Project (Federal)

Pentagon Press Briefing Room (Washington. D.C.)
AV Integrator: Audio Video Systems, Chantilly, Va.
AV Consultant: JGB Engineering LLC, Middleburg, Va.

Best Government AV Project (State & Local)

Fairfax County Courthouse (Fairfax, Va.)
AV Integrator: Professional Products Inc., Gaithersburg, Md.
Architect/Designer: Miller Beam & Paganelli Inc., Reston, Va.

Best Health Care AV Project

Baptist Country Walk MRI/CT Center (Miami)
AV Integrator: Southern Business Communications, Norcross, Ga.
Architect/Designer: Naya Associates, Miami

Best Hospitality/Restaurant/Casino AV Project

Mohegan Sun Casino of the Wind (Uncasville, Conn.)
AV Consultant: Veneklasen Associates, Santa Monica, Calif.
AV Integrator: HB Communications, North Haven, Conn.
AV Integrator: Marshall Industries, Salt Lake City
Architect/Designer: Wimberly Allison Tong & Goo, Irvine, Calif.

Best House of Worship AV Project

Eastlake Community Church (Chula Vista, Calif.)
AV Integrator: Southern California Sound Image Inc., Escondido, Calif.
Architect/Designer: Manuel Oncina Architects, La Jolla, Calif.

Best House of Worship AV Project (Under \$250K)

Cathedral of Christ the Light (Oakland, Calif.)
AV Consultant: Shen Milsom & Wilke, San Francisco
AV Integrator: Pro Media Ultrasound, Hercules, Calif.
Architect/Designer: Skidmore Owings & Merrill, San Francisco
Architect/Designer: Kendall Heaton, Houston

Best Museum AV Project

California Academy of Sciences (San Francisco)
AV Consultant: Visual Acuity Limited, Brighton, U.K.

AV Integrator: Sky-Skan Inc., Nashua, N.H.
Architect/Designer: Renzo Piano Building Workshop, Genova, Italy
Architect/Designer: Thinc Design, New York

PRO AV Spotlight Judges' Award

The Comcast Experience (Philadelphia)
AV Integrator: Niles Creative Group, New York
Designers: Niles Creative Group, New York
Architect: Robert A. M. Stern, New York

PRO AV Spotlight Judges' Award

Harvard Decision Science Laboratory (Cambridge, Mass.)
AV Integrator: Premier Network Solutions, Cincinnati
Architect/Designer: Baker Design Group, Boston

PRO AV Spotlight Judges' Award

College Basketball Experience (Kansas City, Mo.)
AV Integrator: Design and Production Inc., Lorton, Va.
Architect/Designer: ESI Design, New York

"The PRO AV Spotlight Awards are the premiere showcase for the best in AV installations. All of the installations entered in this year's program were outstanding and choosing winners was no easy task for the judges," said Jon Yoffie, Associate Publisher of PRO AV. "These winning projects are truly the best of the best; they set the standard for what AV installations should bring to a project."

Winning projects will be featured in the July 2009 issue of PRO AV magazine and in specially produced slideshows on PRO AV's Web site, www.proavmagazine.com. They will also appear in Hanley Wood's ARCHITECT magazine, which is read by 65,000 practicing architects and design professionals working on non-residential projects.

About PRO AV

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