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ADAC REVEALS THE 2019 SOUTHEAST DESIGNERS AND ARCHITECT OF THE YEAR AWARDS FINALISTS

ATLANTA – As the 2019 Southeast Designers and Architect of the Year Awards approach, ADAC is thrilled to announce this year’s finalists. The 15 finalists represent the Southeast’s most innovative creators and exemplify the highest level of talent in the categories of residential design, contract design, and architecture. Entries were received from ADAC’s 10-state region, including Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. Finalists were selected by a panel of three acclaimed judges including Editor in Chief of *VERANDA* **Steele Marcoux**, interior designer **Bunny Williams**, and architect **Roger Seifter**. Winners will be announced at a private gala on Thursday, April 25.

“We are grateful to have the perspectives of design icon Bunny Williams, renowned architect Roger Seifter, and *VERANDA*’s Steele Marcoux to judge the Southeast Designers and Architects of the Year Awards. These awards are held in high regard by the design community because the people and firms submitting know that the judges are highly qualified to appreciate and understand the work before them,” said Katie Miner, General Manager of ADAC. “Across the board, the quality of work from throughout the region stood out because it reflected a definite evolution of design in the Southeast. There was graciousness, elegance, and a reverence for history and tradition in abundance, but there was also tremendous diversity in how those quintessentially Southern elements were executed.”

“The South is an epicenter for stylish design, and this year’s Southeast Designers and Architect of the Year Awards entrants prove the region’s influence on architecture and interior design is not to be overlooked,” said Steele Marcoux, Editor in Chief of *VERANDA* magazine. “I feel honored – and inspired – to have been a part of this process!”

The 2019 Southeast Designers and Architect of the Year Awards coincides with ADAC’s annual spring market week, **DESIGN ADAC**, which is hosted in partnership with *VERANDA* and will take place **April 23 – 25**. All are welcome to join ADAC, *VERANDA*, UpCountry Home, and LEE Industries to meet and celebrate the 2019 finalists in Suite 207 at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24.

2019 Finalists include:

- **Residential Design Finalists**
 - The Design Atelier | *Atlanta, GA*
 - Ashley Gilbreath Interior Design | *Montgomery, AL*
 - Mallory Mathison | *Atlanta, GA*
 - Susan B. Bozeman of Susan Bozeman Designs | *Atlanta, GA*
 - Dana Wolter of Dana Wolter Interiors | *Mountain Brook, AL*
 - Karen Ferguson of Harrison Design | *Atlanta, GA*
 - Robert Brown Interior Design | *Atlanta, GA*
- **Contract Design Finalists**
 - Michael Habachy of Habachy Designs | *Atlanta, GA*
 - Susan B. Bozeman of Susan Bozeman Designs | *Atlanta, GA*
 - Square Feet Studio | *Atlanta, GA*
 - The Johnson Studio at Cooper Carry | *Atlanta, GA*
- **Architect Finalists**
 - Bill Ingram Architect | *Atlanta, GA*
 - Chris Reebals of Christopher Architecture and Interiors | *Birmingham, AL*
 - Historical Concepts | *Atlanta, GA*
 - Summerour Architects | *Atlanta, GA*

Media interested in attending the finalist meet-and-greet on April 24 can RSVP [here](#). For a full schedule of DESIGN ADAC events, as well as information about the reception, visit: www.adacatlanta.com/design-adac.

About the 2019 Judges:

Steele Marcoux, *Editor in Chief of VERANDA*

Steele Marcoux is a veteran of the design publishing industry, having served in senior editorial roles at *Country Living*, *Coastal Living*, and *Southern Living* prior to being named Editor in Chief of *VERANDA* in 2018. She graduated *cum laude* from Williams College with B.A. in art history and *summa cum laude* from the University of Alabama graduate school with an M.A. in American History. Steele lives in Birmingham, Alabama, with her husband, two sons, and dog Sawyer.

Bunny Williams, Interior Designer

Bunny Williams is a distinguished designer as well as an accomplished businesswoman, entrepreneur, author, and philanthropist. She has been recognized by a number of institutions over the years including the AD 100 Hall of Fame (2018), the *Elle Décor* A-List, and the Fashion Group International Interior Design Award (2016). Additionally, Bunny has served on the Board of Directors of the ICAA since 2013. Bunny is a featured speaker at DESIGN ADAC on April 25, where she will be signing copies of her latest book, *Love Affairs with Houses*.

Roger Seifter, Architect

Roger Seifter joined Robert A.M. Stern Architects in 1978 and has been a partner at the firm since 1989. He has been designed some of the firm's most iconic projects, including houses and private apartments throughout the United States and abroad. Mr. Seifter is co-author of the monograph *Designs for Living: Houses by Robert A.M. Stern Architects* (2014) and his work has been featured in numerous publications including *The New York Times*, *Architectural Digest*, *Architectural Record*, and *House and Garden*.

About ADAC

Built over 50 years ago by renowned architect and developer John Portman in the prestigious Buckhead community of Atlanta, ADAC is a community-focused, nationally-recognized leader in the world of interior design and home fashion, serving as the essential one-stop shopping resource for interior designers, architects, and builders. In November 2018, ADAC was acquired by International Market Centers (IMC), the world's largest operator of premier showroom space for the furnishings, home décor and gift industries. The ADAC campus consists of ADAC and ADAC WEST with more than 550,000 square feet with over 65 showrooms offering 1,200 of the industry's finest product lines including furniture, fabric, rugs, lighting, accessories, floor and wall coverings, antiques, fine art and framing, kitchens, bath, tile and stone, and home theater products. Likewise, ADAC's extensive services include custom designs such as framing, electronic systems, faux-finishing, and draperies. To learn more, visit www.adacatlanta.com. Follow along on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

About VERANDA

VERANDA (www.veranda.com) is one of the world's most exquisitely produced interior design magazines, reaching an audience of 1.5 million (MPA February 2017). It is the unparalleled source for luxury living, featuring the finest in home decoration, style, jewelry, travel, culture and more. Every issue celebrates the art of living well by giving its readers entrée to the most fascinating people, places and things in style today. Follow @VERANDAmag on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Pinterest](#) and [Twitter](#). Hearst Magazines, a unit of Hearst, is one of the nation's largest diversified media and information companies. Hearst Magazines' print and digital assets collectively reach more than 128 million readers and site visitors each month, or 53 percent of all adults in the U.S.; nearly two-thirds of all women and 69 percent of all millennial women. (source: comScore/MRI 9-16/S16).

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