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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIGHTING DESIGNERS

CHICAGO RIVERWALK WINS IALD AWARD OF MERIT
LIGHTING DESIGN BY SCHULER SHOOK, ROSS BARNEY ARCHITECTS + SASAKI

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Luminaries of the lighting profession gathered at the Crystal Tea Room on 10 May to honor the winners of the 34th Annual International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD) International Lighting Design Awards. Twenty-two projects from eight countries were on display – including interiors, monuments, façades, museums, and a residence. This year’s winners represent some of the most innovative and inspiring work found anywhere in the world of architectural lighting design.

A portion of the Chicago Riverwalk, in Chicago, IL USA, with lighting design by Schuler Shook, Ross Barney Architects, and Sasaki, took home an Award of Merit, accepted in person by Schuler Shook’s Giulio Pedota, IALD.

The Chicago Riverwalk project is an ongoing initiative to reclaim the Chicago River for the ecological, recreational and economic benefit of the city. Schuler Shook’s lighting intervention comprised three different themed blocks of the Riverwalk: the Marina Plaza, the Cove, and the River Theatre.

Faced with a site located in a flood zone and with just a 25-foot-wide build-out area, lighting designers focused on selecting robust fixtures rated for submersible applications, low maintenance, and low glare. The team also had to negotiate with many city stakeholders concerned about safety, visibility, and energy savings, as well as minimizing the number of fixture types for easy maintenance.

The lighting for the newly redesigned Riverwalk is playful, welcoming, and interactive – a drastic departure from the stark, security-style lighting of the past. In the Cove, patterns of projected tree branches are achieved with weatherproof, theatrical metal halide T6 fixtures fitted with glass gobos and pole mounted at street level. Arcade piers and ornamental capitals are illuminated with in-grade fixtures, and handrails are illuminated by 3000K IP68 LED tape with a frosted lens to protect and diffuse the light source.

Bridges linking the three “rooms” were illuminated with linear LED fixtures with opal white lenses, yielding 1.8 footcandles average at grade. To provide safety and comfort and improve facial recognition, fixtures were angled 5-degrees, to provide 1.0-1.5 vertical fc measured at eye level. Linear LED fixtures used throughout the project use 5-watts per linear foot to delineate the paths, illuminate the ramps in the River Theatre, and provide safety and comfort.

The submersible lighting and wiring solutions provided by the design team in this unique project were “field tested” a few days after the grand opening, when the site completely flooded and the fixtures remained energized.

The extensive renovation brings vitality and excitement during the day and night, creating a recreational amenity in the middle of downtown Chicago for all its people and visitors to enjoy.

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The IALD Lighting Design Awards program, established in 1983, honors lighting projects that display high aesthetic achievement backed by technical expertise. A panel of award-winning lighting designers, architects and interior designers review the projects in a three-day, anonymous review process. Full information about the judging process can be found in the 34th Annual IALD Awards Call for Entries.

For complete details and high resolution photos of this year’s award-winning projects, visit iald.org/awards.

The International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD), established in 1969, is an international organization supporting a network of more than 1,300 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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34TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIGHTING DESIGNERS AWARDS PROJECT CREDITS

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CHICAGO, IL USA

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Giulio Pedota, IALD
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