2010 Mayor’s Design Awards Recipients

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The Center, 1301 E. Colfax Avenue
Denver Children’s Advocacy Center,
   2149 Federal Boulevard
YesPleaseMore!, various locations but currently at
   500 16th Street, Suite 234
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Heirloom Gardens, Northwest Denver
Cherry Creek Medical, 255 Detroit Street
Crema Coffee, 2862 Larimer Street
Fuel Café, 3455 Ringsby Court
Architectural Workshop, 280 S. Pennsylvania Street

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**Mayor's Design Awards 2010**

**Purpose**
The Mayor's Design Awards celebrate design in many forms: bold and humble, gritty and polished, contemporary and traditional. The 2010 MDA recognizes eleven projects that enliven Denver because they are innovative, creative, beautifully designed or simply delightful! The award honors those who make design excellence a priority. We pay tribute to them for making our city provocative and memorable.

**General Selection Criteria**
- Sustainability
- Inspires good design
- Design as branding, heritage, ethnicity
- Extraordinary use of the ordinary
- Honoring the public realm
- Creativity - above and beyond…
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Category and Description

The Past is Present
• Outstanding restoration of historic buildings, landscapes, and sites
• Historic character and features of the property are preserved
• Substantially complies with accepted professional historic preservation standards

Reclaimed Splendor
• Ingenious reuse of materials
• Innovative reuse of a building or space
• Adaptive reuse and restoration of an original structure
• Rehabilitation of an original building façade

Home is Where the Art Is
• Extraordinary contribution to the urban environment
• Reflects the style and personality of the owner, while making a positive and sensitive contribution to the neighborhood fabric
• Contributes to appreciation of the arts

Many Shades of Green
• Green design includes many aspects – reuse of materials, location efficiency, durability, energy savings, resource preservation, and protecting our environmental quality
• Embodies the principles of reduce, reuse and recycle in location, construction, and function
• Creates awareness, stirs innovation, and promotes environmental ethics
• Inspires efficiency by doing more with less

Buildings That Beckon
• Extraordinary curb appeal
• Engages the street in a distinct manner
• Welcoming entries and display windows
• Incorporates generous, comfortable and active public space
• Encourages informal public gathering and promotes pedestrian activity

Oh, Pioneers!
• Gritty, eclectic, funky, cool
• Grassroots greatness
• A project that goes before, preparing the way for others

What Goes Around Comes Back Around
• An urban metamorphosis - a building on an urban corridor that morphed from typical of its time, to awful, and then to extraordinary
• Plants the seeds of good design within the community

And the winners are…
The Sage Building
16th and Welton Streets
Category: The Past Is Present

The Sage Building, historically known by many different names to Denverites, was built in 1922, and it held a variety of retail establishments. One by one, retailers left the building, until towards the end of the century it sat mostly vacant.
The building was renovated to keep the original windows and the beautiful exterior details such as the pilasters decorated with an egg and dart motif and terra-cotta veneer.
A decaying grande dame has been restored to her original glory.

Mackstaller Residence
2530 W. 34th Avenue
Category: The Past Is Present

2530 W. 34th Avenue demonstrates how a good eye and elbow grease can transform a multi-unit white elephant into a single family gem in an historic neighborhood. The owners re-did the interior floor plan, stripped layers of paint from the exterior, removed part of the porch enclosure and rebuilt the structure’s foundation blocks, restoring this Victorian 2-story into a charming urban residence.
The Center
1301 E. Colfax Avenue
Category: Reclaimed Splendor

The Center transformed a funky old Colfax building - once a bank, then a video rental store - into a green and welcoming community facility. The Center’s updated presence includes new windows onto Colfax’s streetscape and a roof deck for events. In its remodeled structure on East Colfax Avenue, The Center is a focal point and catalyst for Denver’s GLBT community. The Center fills the role of a neighborhood hub for a highly diverse and geographically dispersed population serving as a source for community information, supportive services, social activities and cultural events.

Denver Children’s Advocacy Center
2149 Federal Boulevard
Category: Reclaimed Splendor

The bricks and sticks of a city support its heart and soul. At 2149 Federal Boulevard, the Denver Children’s Advocacy Center reflects the efforts of the board, volunteers, staff and donors. The renovated building houses the Center’s forensic interview program, prevention and education departments and administrative functions of this important civic non-profit. The comfortable and homey atmosphere offers a safe place to abused children, while preserving the parkway character of North Federal and the Victorian single-family street presence.
YesPleaseMore!
Currently at 500 16th Street, Suite 234
Category: Home Is Where the Art Is

YesPleaseMore! supports Denver’s creative economy through the sale of 100% Colorado-designed goods in pop-up stores that would otherwise be vacant storefronts. Proceeds from sales support grants for creative entrepreneurship. The most recent store, which YesPleaseMore! collaborated on with The Art Institute of Colorado’s Environmental & Sustainable Design class, features eco-friendly products and fixtures designed with materials like reclaimed cardboard and plywood. The entire store was constructed for less than $1600.

Domo
1356 Osage Street
Category: Home Is Where the Art Is

This charming Japanese restaurant and cultural gem at 1356 Osage Street was built with recycled materials. The delightful interior, designed by owner Gaku Homma, was built by volunteers. All of the décor was either hand-made or personally transported from Japan and other countries by Mr. Homma and his assistants. Opened in 1996, Domo Restaurant has received Zagat’s National Restaurant Review’s award: #1 in Décor in the USA and America’s Top Restaurants (2009) and Westword’s Best Japanese Restaurant for many years.
Heirloom Gardens  
Northwest Denver  
Category: Many Shades of Green

Neighborhood Supported Agriculture means green – edible, recycled and compostable! Heirloom Gardens is a half-acre ensemble of 11 organic vegetable gardens spread throughout Northwest Denver and distributed through a weekly share cooperative and at the Highland Farmer’s Market. These gardens, contributed by property owners in exchange for a free food share, are transforming front yards, backyards and an empty lot in one of Denver’s coolest urban neighborhoods into tasty urban agriculture.

Cherry Creek Medical Building  
255 Detroit Street  
Category: Buildings That Beckon

Cinderella’s glass slipper replaced an ordinary 1980’s two-story brick ho-hum commercial building. A recent renovation converted the structure into a transparent, contemporary beaker that engages the passer-by and echoes the clinical nature of the medical tenants within.
Crema Coffee House
2862 Larimer Street
Category: Oh, Pioneers!

Businesses like Crema have been an impetus for growth in northern downtown - and worth a visit. Crema owner Noah Price focuses on the art of creating an amazing cup. The decor of Crema is “modern re-use” with a traditional round-topped window set on its side to fit the available window space. Crema was renovated from a 400-square-foot garage, using mostly found objects. “The metal on the outside of the building is from an old refrigerator,” Price explains. “The front door is from an old school building. Everything aside from food-grade stuff is recycled or reused material.”

Fuel Café
3455 Ringsby Court
Category: Oh, Pioneers!

Opened nearly three years ago in River North’s work/live TAXI development, Fuel is a hip, funky urban eatery. Fuel’s informal atmosphere, outdoor patio and delicious array of soups, salads, sandwiches have earned kudos from local and national food critics. Off the beaten path, Fuel is part of the adaptive re-use of an industrial building – what TAXI’s all about – but also the magnet that draws folks from other neighborhoods to River North.
Architectural Workshop
280 S. Pennsylvania Street
Category: What Goes Around Comes Back Around

The integrity of this 1933 brick building, severely challenged by a cheap 1970's remodel, was brought back to life in an environmentally thoughtful re-adaptation. Operable windows, recycled composite lumber and perforated metal panels, skylights and a low energy swamp cooler, LED lighting and a warm palate of reclaimed and sustainable material are just a few of the elements that define this human-scaled and inviting design studio.

Please Join Us...
Immediately following the ceremony, there will be a reception with Deputy Mayor Vidal and the award recipients here at the Mercury Café. Meet the winners, enjoy light refreshments and a cash bar provided by past Mayor’s Design Award winner, the Mercury Café.
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