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Fort Lauderdale Buildings Recognized in People's Choice Architecture Competition

Fort Lauderdale, Fla – Residents in the Fort Lauderdale area will have the opportunity to vote for two local buildings, thanks to the fourth annual People's Choice competition launched last Wednesday by the Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Florida). Voters from around the world have cast over one million votes recognizing buildings from Cinderella's Castle to Miami's iconic Fontainebleau over the past three years.

"Broward County has an amazing tradition of great architecture and today's architecture still resonates from this standing tradition," said Jeff Huber, AIA, President of AIA Fort Lauderdale. "The works nominated for People's Choice this year by AIA Fort Lauderdale attest to the great talent of our region and the long-standing value of design. We are proud to put forth these projects for consideration of such a prestigious annual program that celebrates all of the great work completed by Florida architects across our state."

The competition highlights the work of Florida's architects, who are skilled professionals that help meet the needs of communities through innovative building design. A total of 41 buildings around the state are included in the contest for the 2017 People's Choice Award.

Buildings located within the region of AIA Fort Lauderdale include the Broward College Fine Arts Building, designed by Cartaya and Associates Architects, and Quantum Marine, designed by Saltz Michelson Architects, Inc.

The public can vote for their favorite buildings at www.floridapeopleschoice.com until midnight, July 28. Buildings will be listed by the structure's name and location. The results of the voting will be announced at AIA Florida's Annual Convention at the Naples Grande Beach Resort in Naples, July 29.

"It is our honor and privilege as members of the architecture profession to share with the public just how much value and impact the profession can have on the community," said Peter W. Jones, AIA, Chair of the Florida Foundation for Architecture. "We have composed a ballot of Florida's iconic new structures and look forward to the public's choosing their favorites."

The fourth annual People's Choice Awards includes interesting and innovative structures across the state. Examples of submissions include internationally-known Buddhist temple, Phap Vu and the Florida Hospital for Women, both located in Orlando, the Center for Asian Art at the John and Mable Ringling

Museum of Art in Sarasota, and Bo Diddly Plaza in Gainesville. These public places have become recognizable in their areas, and across the state. Now is the chance for the public to weigh-in and make their voices heard in choosing their favorite from among the best of Florida's architectural offerings.

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The Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects, headquartered in Tallahassee, represents the interests of more than 3,600 members in Florida and the Caribbean. Members adhere to a code of ethics and professional conduct that assures the client, the public and colleagues of an AIA-member architect's dedication to the highest standards in professional practice.

The Florida Foundation for Architecture is a non-profit organization that exists to advocate the value of architecture to audiences beyond the profession. This is accomplished through Foundation events, publications and grants for programs that feature architecture and are open and available to the general public and related professions, as well as architects.
