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IIDA ANNOUNCES COOPER-HEWITT, NATIONAL DESIGN MUSEUM AS 2013 STAR AWARD RECIPIENT

Chicago, IL — The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) is pleased to announce Smithsonian’s Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum as the winner of the 2013 Star Award. This prestigious award, given to an individual or organization that has made significant contributions to the design industry, will be presented at the Association’s Annual Meeting, to be held Sunday, June 9, 2013, at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago.

“Smithsonian’s Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum has been a champion of Design since its founding in the late 19th century,” IIDA Executive Vice President and CEO Cheryl Durst, Hon. FIIDA, LEED AP, said. “Its stewardship of the artifacts of design history is unquestionably peerless. Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum’s impeccable curatorial expertise and ongoing educational focus have advanced Design in the public perception to an immeasurable degree, and we’re honored to present this national institution with this year’s IIDA Star Award.”

Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum was founded in 1897 by Amy, Eleanor and Sarah Hewitt — granddaughters of industrialist Peter Cooper — with the purpose of advancing the public’s understanding of Design across all of human history. The museum became a branch of the Smithsonian in 1967 and includes more than 250,000 design objects as well as a world-class library. Its exhibitions and its educational programs — including its master’s program — explore both the historic and contemporary processes of Design. In addition, Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum sponsors the prestigious National Design Awards, honoring excellence in American Design.

First bestowed in 1995, the Star Award was created to recognize and celebrate individuals or organizations that have made a significant positive impact on the Interior Design community and on the design world. Past recipients include Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts, Target Corporation, and Charles and Ray Eames.

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The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) is a professional networking and educational association with more than 13,000 Members practicing worldwide in more than 50 countries. IIDA is committed to enhancing the quality of life through excellence in Interior Design and advancing Interior Design through knowledge, value and community. IIDA advocates for Interior Design excellence; nurtures a global Interior Design community; maintains high educational standards; and supports its Members and the Profession with visionary leadership. IIDA has helped reveal new Design talent through a variety of trade show involvement and Interior Design/Architecture competitions honoring national and international talent, including the Interior Design Competition, Global Excellence Awards and Hospitality Product Design Competition. [www.iida.org](http://www.iida.org)