IIDA LEADERS BREAKFAST ATTRACTS INFLUENTIAL KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

September 5, 2012, Chicago, IL – The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) Leaders Breakfast series marks its 11th year as an international series with events across the United States and Canada. Leaders Breakfast events feature a renowned keynote speaker that invokes, encourages and inspires attendees. During the event, host cities celebrate their regional success. Each breakfast is highlighted by a keynote speaker exemplifying an aspect of leadership in today’s world. Additionally, a local individual who has contributed to the design community is honored during the event. The National Benefactors of the IIDA Leaders Breakfast series are Herman Miller and Interior Design magazine.


The Los Angeles Leaders Breakfast will welcome attendees on September 21 at the JW Marriot at LA Live! The keynote speaker is Tom Wujec, Fellow at Autodesk and author of Imagine Design Create, Return on Imagination, Five Star Mind and Pumping Ions. The event will honor Randy Stauffer, Chair of the Interior Architecture Program at Woodbury University.

The Dallas Leaders Breakfast is October 3 at the Omni Hotel. Eric Ryan, Architect of the Method Brand, will provide the event's keynote address. Debbie Fuller, IIDA, RID, LEED AP, BD+C, ID+C, Sustainable Knowledge Leader at HOK is the event honoree.

Save the date of October 18 for the Chicago Leaders Breakfast at the Palmer House Hilton. The keynote speaker will be Dan Roam, bestselling author of “The Back of the Napkin” and “Blah Blah Blah: What to Do When Words Don’t Work.” The event will honor Jaime Velez, FIIDA, Director of Interior Design at Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP.
The Atlanta Leaders Breakfast is on November 2 at the St. Regis Hotel. Kevin Carroll, author and founder of Kevin Carroll Katalyst, is the keynote speaker. The Chapter will honor Margo Jones, FIIDA, IDEC, LEED AP, Professor at Savannah College of Art and Design.

The Toronto Leaders Breakfast, in partnership with ARIDO, is on November 30 at the Four Seasons. John Fluevog, design icon and footwear innovator, is the keynote speaker. The event will posthumously honor Ray Staples, Fellow ARIDO, IDC an influential figure in the Ontario interior design community for more than 70 years.

The Vancouver Leaders Breakfast will be held on February 9 at the Vancouver Convention Center. Pixar Art Director, Jay Shuster, will be the keynote speaker for the event and will highlight his work on the critically acclaimed films Wall-E, Cars and Toy Story 3. The event will honor Larry Beasley.

If you are interested in ticket information or sponsorship packages, please contact IIDA at 888.799.4432, or at communications@iida.org. Tickets may be purchased online at www.iida.org. Thanks to National Benefactors Herman Miller and Interior Design magazine.

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