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IIDA ANNOUNCES DOROTHY COSONAS AS THE 2016 TITAN AWARD RECIPIENT

Chicago — The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) proudly announces Dorothy Cosonas as the recipient of the 2016 IIDA Titan Award. The IIDA Titan Award recognizes significant contributions to the Interior Design profession by an individual, company, or organization in the field. Cosonas will be presented with the honor and celebrated at the IIDA Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 12, 2016, at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago.

“Dorothy is a visionary in textiles, known for her impeccable style and trendsetting collections. Her work not only inspires her peers, but also deeply influences how spaces are experienced,” said IIDA Executive Vice President and CEO Cheryl Durst, Hon. FiIDA, LEED AP. “As the Creative Director at KnollTextiles, Dorothy’s direction combines modern, elegant patterns with bold texture and color, collection after collection. She is enormously respected and a force within the design world. We are so pleased to honor Dorothy Cosonas as the recipient of this year’s IIDA Titan Award.”

Cosonas was named the 11th Creative Director of KnollTextiles in 2005. Her inaugural collection won a Best of NeoCon Gold award – her first of seven. In 2008, she founded Knoll Luxe as the fashion-forward luxury component of KnollTextiles. Recognizing her influence on the industry, seven fabrics created by Cosonas or under her direction at KnollTextiles were selected for the permanent collection at the Cooper Hewitt National Design Museum. In addition, her work was a major part of KnollTextiles 2011 retrospective exhibition at the Bard Graduate Center.

Cosonas, who holds degrees in fine art and textile design from the Fashion Institute of Technology, began her career working under Sina Pearson at the upholstery and wallcovering manufacturer, Unika Vaev. Her experience as Pearson’s apprentice inspires her to discover and nurture young design talent, ensuring her legacy in the industry.

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