



DXA studio receives merit award from AIANYS for Brooklyn Bridge

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New York, NY DXA studio, a New York based architecture and design firm known for a diverse range of projects primarily in Manhattan and Brooklyn, has revealed that their reimagining of the Brooklyn Bridge has been selected for an Award of Merit by the American Institute of Architects New York State (AIANYS).

DXA's Great Bridge proposal envisions a future that elevates people over automobiles, reclaims land entangled by roads and ramps for civic use in the form of parks, museums, local commerce, recreation and housing, and makes the bridge more accessible to adjacent communities. In the design, the upper deck expansion becomes a planted promenade with lanes for tourists and commuters, while the lower deck features six traffic lanes reduced to two for trolleys and emergency vehicles, with the remainder dedicated to public use, including dedicated bike lanes and planters.

"We took on this challenge to push forward an idea that embraces people and a recognition of history as the central focus in in urban design," said DXA studio partner Jordan Rogove. "It is an honor to be acknowledged for our work by such distinguished colleagues and professionals in architecture and design."

The reimagination of the bridge is the result of a collaboration with Philip Habib & Associates, Thornton Tomasetti, and Patrick Cullina Horticultural Design + Consulting.

"This was an incredible opportunity for DXA studio to bring back some of the great aspects of what the bridge and its landing points used to be, and to balance that with sensitive new architectures that are a gateway to that experience," said Wayne Norbeck, a partner at DXA studio. "We are proud to be chosen for an Award of Merit for our work on The Great Bridge."

Annually since 1968, AIA New York State's Annual Design Awards celebrate local, national and international projects that achieve architectural excellence designed by architects throughout New York State.

A record 42 projects were recognized for Citation, Merit and Honor Awards in the following categories: Adaptive Reuse/Historic Preservation, Commercial/Industrial, Institutional, Interiors, International, Pro Bono Projects, Residential, Sole Practitioner, Unbuilt and Urban Planning/Design.

The Design Awards Jury, including Jury chair Dan Kirby, FAIA, FAICP, NOMA, principal and client

services leader for people + places solutions at Jacobs; Marilia Rodrigues, AIA, LEED AP, a principal at KieranTimberlake; David Burney, FAIA, co-founder and director of the urban placemaking and management program at the Pratt Institute School of Architecture; and Elizabeth Whittaker, AIA, founder and principal at MERGE architects, had the challenge of choosing the winners out of almost 280 submissions. Out of the 42 award recipients, the jury also selected one project considered to be the “Best of the Best” which will be revealed at the virtual awards ceremony.

The jury members stated, “We know that this is a long list, but these are deserving recipients from a strong class of submittals that survived considerable scrutiny. This represents the strength and talent of AIA New York State members.”

AIANYS president Joseph Aliotta, FAIA, said, “Architects possess the knowledge and ability to problem solve in order to create design solutions that positively impact our communities. I’m proud of the creative and innovative solutions our members provide to both our communities and to the profession. Congratulations to all of our well-deserved winners.”

AIANYS EVP Georgi Ann Bailey said, “The depth and breadth of our members’ work and their contributions they make to our communities in order to thrive, continues to inspire me. I congratulate the recipients on the projects designed to support, sustain and enhance our communities and their passion to transform the profession of architecture.”

The recipients were honored in a virtual award ceremony on December 23, 2020.

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