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Russell A. Davidson, FAIA, inaugurated as 2016 AIA President

Washington, D.C., USA – Russell A. Davidson, FAIA, Managing Principal & President of KG&D Architects in Mount Kisco, N.Y. was inaugurated as the 92nd President of the AIA at the National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C. He succeeds the 91st President, Elizabeth Chu Richter, FAIA, in representing nearly 88,000 AIA members.

Davidson has held a multitude of elected positions within the AIA including serving as president of AIA Westchester + Hudson Valley in 1999 and president of AIA New York State in 2007. He joined the AIA National Board in 2009 and served as AIA vice president from 2012-2013. Throughout his national leadership tenure, Davidson has maintained a special focus on government and public advocacy for architects and architecture.

“Now is the time to move from good to great and to fully realise the potential of one of our country’s oldest professional associations,” said Davidson at his inauguration. “In an election year we will leverage the attention paid to the future of America to point out that architects, along with our partners in the design and construction industry, not only designed the places that define American cities, towns and villages but also are the leading edge of a major economic force,” he added. Davidson earned a BA from Union College in Schenectady, N.Y. and completed the MArch programme at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. KG&D Architects is a general practice regional firm that focuses on



Russell A. Davidson. Photo: © William Stewart Photography

public buildings including K-12 schools, colleges, religious, and municipal buildings. The majority of the firm’s work involves building consensus to support projects either through public votes or private decisions of committees or Boards of Directors. The firm has constructed over \$600 million worth of public projects in the lower Hudson Valley in the last 10 years, many of which have won local AIA design awards.

SWA creates dynamic oasis in Chengdu, China

Laguna Beach, California, USA – SWA announces the landscape design for the new Performing Arts and Entertainment Center, located in the heart of Chengdu, the largest city in southwest China. Slated to open in 2016, the Performing Arts Center is a one-million-square-metre mixed-use retail, residential, office, and civic theatre complex designed to become the city’s culture and entertainment hub. The vision for this large-scale urban development owned by the city government is to create a new landmark and destination at the centre of Chengdu.

Its landscape design is inspired by the spiral form of the Performing Arts Center, an overlapping spiral and circular motif that runs throughout the entire site. Extending the lines outward from the building and into the landscape, a galaxy of circles forms the framework for gathering spaces, sunken gardens, plazas, play areas and fountains. Five main plaza and garden zones become the project’s living cores, presenting a dynamic, youthful, and energetic image of the city’s new landmark. To interconnect the multi-layered, multi-centered complex, a series of meandering walks, bridges, and promenades pass through buildings, plazas, terraces, and gardens, blending indoors and out and creating a diversified journey of discovery for families, office workers, and shoppers.

The project, overseen by Xiao Zheng, principal at the SWA Laguna Beach studio, will see the opening of retail, office, and remaining residences in 2017 and 2018.



Performing plaza at the new Performing Arts and Entertainment Center in Chengdu. Photo courtesy of SWA