2015 MIA PINNACLE AWARDS

CALL FOR ENTRIES

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SPECIAL AWARDS FOR KITCHEN & BATH

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A Worldwide Competition for Excellence in Natural Stone

Join natural stone professionals from around the globe in entering the 2015 Pinnacle Awards competition.

These highly-coveted awards are given to projects whose beauty, creativity, ingenuity and craftsmanship exemplify professional mastery in the use of natural stone in commercial and residential applications.

A very exclusive Grande Pinnacle Award, sponsored by Marmomacc, is given to the best project across all categories. This award includes a beautiful trophy created by an award-winning architect and designer. It also includes a trip to Marmomacc 2016 in Verona, Italy.

The Awards will be presented at StonExpo/Marmomacc Americas in Las Vegas on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at the Marble Institute of America (MIA) Awards Luncheon. The winning entries will be displayed in the lobby of StonExpo/Marmomacc Americas and at other trade shows throughout the year.

Eligibility
The Pinnacle Awards are open to all MIA member companies. Project teams must include at least one MIA member company. Projects submitted must comply with MIA standards as defined in MIA’s Dimension Stone Design Manual and MIA Technical Modules.

To be eligible, projects must have been completed within the past three years (January 2012-July 2015). Multiple entries are encouraged and accepted. Please fill out a separate entry form for each project.

Criteria
An independent panel of judges including both industry and design professionals will evaluate the entries. Entries will be judged on implementation of the design, quality and craftsmanship of the fabrication and installation, and control and utilization of the natural stone material’s color and character. Creative solutions to logistic or technical challenges unique to the project will influence the judging of the projects.

General Entry Rules

How to Enter
Entry form(s) and supporting documentation must be bound together (e.g. three-ring binder or spiral binding).

Official Entry Form
A completed and signed entry form with payment must accompany each entry. Incomplete entry forms will disqualify the entry.

Project Description
Include a typed narrative description of the project’s overall goals and how they were achieved. Include any special fabrication or installation challenges, how they were met and the specific role the MIA member company played in the project.

Identification
• Project name
• Client
• Architect or designer
• General contractor
• Stone supplier
• Stone fabricator
• Stone installer

It is the responsibility of the entrant to ensure that all parties involved in the project are listed on the application form.

Information About the Stone Used
• Generic (not trade) material name(s)
• Size(s)
• Finish(es)
• Quantity

Photographs
Submit at least six (6) professional quality 8 x 10 color prints (photo quality is critically important to the judging process). Consider including details from shop drawings to illustrate fabrication and/or construction methodologies or unique attachment challenges. Photos should present an overall view of the project, as well as, important details that enable judges to better assess quality and scope of the work. Please include a CD with high resolution images of the photos you are submitting. DO NOT submit 35mm slides, presentation boards, photographs printed on an inkjet printer. Only quality color prints will be accepted. Label all materials with the name of your company and project. Please indicate photo credits where applicable.

Copyright
All materials submitted with the entry, including photography and drawings, must be free of copyright or other restrictions in connection with its reproduction.

Entry Ownership
Entries will not be returned and will become the property of the MIA, which reserves the right to use or publish all entries and photographs. All entrants are required to sign an affidavit of eligibility which gives the MIA expressed consent to use the entry and accompanying photographs as it sees fit in promotion and publicity. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

2015 Project Categories
• Commercial Interior
• Commercial Exterior
• Residential Interior/Exterior (Includes kitchens, baths, fireplaces and other interior/exterior applications.)
• Kitchen of the Year (NEW!)
• Bath of the Year (NEW!)
• Renovation/Restoration (Please include “before” and “after” photos.)

Entry Fees
Single entry: $95 Additional entries: $85 each
Payment in full must accompany all entries. Entry fees are not refundable.

Deadlines
All entries must be received at MIA headquarters by 5 p.m. EST on Friday, July 31, 2015.

Send All Entries To:
MIA • 380 E. Lorain Street • Oberlin, OH 44074
Please contact Helen Distelhorst at hdistlehorst@marble-institute.com or 440-250-9222 if you require any additional information.
AGAIN THIS YEAR:
A Grande Pinnacle Award will be presented to an architect!

Again this year, the award’s sponsor, Marmomacc, will present a Grande Pinnacle Award to an architect from the firm involved in the winning project. In addition, that architect will win a trip to Marmomacc to attend 2016 Veronafiere’s week-long continuing education program on designing with natural stone. The winner will receive round-trip economy airfare and complimentary hotel for five nights, as well as local meals and transportation, while taking part in this 20+ AIA/CES program.

Also this year, all Pinnacle Award of Excellence and Award of Merit winners now have the opportunity to invite an architect from the firm involved in their winning project to StonExpo/Marmomacc Americas 2016. With the generous support of Informa Exhibitions, these award-winning architects will receive 3 nights lodging in Las Vegas and will be invited to the annual MIA Awards Luncheon. Marmomacc will invite the winning architects to take part in a full-day educational program held during StonExpo/Marmomacc Americas (the program offers 4+ AIA/CEH/HSW credits and includes complimentary lunch and dinner).

(Note: Airfare to Las Vegas is not included)

2015 MIA PINNACLE AWARDS ENTRY FORM
Please complete a separate entry form for each entry. Photocopy this form for multiple submissions or print extra forms from our website at www.marble-institute.com.

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Project Category
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Project Description Attached
Project Name: ________________________________
Company Name: ________________________________
Address: _______________________________________  
City: ________________________________________  
State/Province: ________________________________  
ZIP/Postal Code: ________________________________  
Country: _______________________________________
Phone: ____________________________  
Fax: ____________________________  
E-Mail: ____________________________  
Contact Person: ____________________________

PLEASE NOTE: All information will be published in subsequent printed material exactly as it appears on this form.

Entry Fee Enclosed*
One total payment for all entries is recommended. Entry fees are nonrefundable.

☐ $95 for first/single entry $ ____________
☐ ______ additional entries ($85 each) $ ____________
Total Payment $ ____________

*For Wire Transfer information, email Helen Distelhorst at: hdistelhorst@marble-institute.com.

Payment Options
☐ Check (payable to MIA)  ☐ Money Order
☐ MasterCard  ☐ VISA  ☐ American Express

Credit Card No.: ____________________________  
Verification Code: ____________________________  
Expiry: ____________________________  
Signature: ____________________________  
Date: ____________________________

If credit card billing address is different than company address, please list info below:
Address: _______________________________________
ZIP: _______________________________________

I have signed the Affidavit of Eligibility below.

This affidavit is to certify that all of the information submitted for the 2015 MIA Pinnacle Awards competition is accurate and that all photographs are of the award entry.

By signing this affidavit, I give expressed consent to the MIA to use this entry and accompanying photographs as it sees fit in promotion and publicity of the 2015 MIA Pinnacle Awards program, and for other printed and electronic materials promoting natural stone and stone industry craftsmanship and professionalism.

Applicant represents and warrants that it owns all of the copyright and other intellectual property rights in and to the photographs and that giving the MIA the right to utilize the photographs in the future will not infringe upon the rights and/or interests of any third party.

Print Name of Person Submitting Entry
Signature of Person Submitting Entry
Company
Date

Return completed entry form, project description, photographs and entry fee to:
MIA • 380 E. Lorain Street • Oberlin, OH 44074 USA
**WHY PARTICIPATE?**

- You may find your winning entry featured around the world in highly-respected industry magazines.
- Your winning entry will be publicized in a special MIA awards brochure distributed at the 2016 StonExpo/Marmomacc Americas convention.
- The 2015 Pinnacle Award winners will be featured in a special presentation during the MIA Awards Luncheon at StonExpo/Marmomacc Americas on Thursday, January 21, 2016.
- The MIA will display all Pinnacle Award winners on its website, which receives over one million hits per month.
- Again this year, Marmomacc will present a Grande Pinnacle Award to an architect from the firm involved in the winning project. In addition, that architect will win a trip to Marmomacc to attend Veronafiere’s week-long continuing education program on designing with natural stone.

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Tiffany Aryeh, Amalfi Stone & Masonry, Inc. (right) accepts a Pinnacle Award of Merit for “Celine” in Beverly Hills, CA from Tony Malisani 2014 MIA President.

“Being a recipient of the coveted Pinnacle Award is a dream come true for us. It is such an honor to be amongst so much talent and be part of a group of projects that represents exceptional stone work around the globe.”

Tiffany Aryeh, Amalfi Stone & Masonry, Inc.