



International architect to bring Italian flavour to design awards

Italian architect Caterina Steiner has been selected to decide the 2013 winner of the prestigious Architectural Designers NZ (ADNZ)/Resene Architectural Design Awards. She is joining well-known members of the New Zealand design community, Tony van Raat and Duncan Joiner on the judging panel.

Caterina was chosen as a judge based on her international experience says Astrid Andersen, General Manager of ADNZ.

“It is a real coup for us to have an international judge with Caterina’s experience bringing an alternative perspective to the process. New Zealand architectural design is really reaching new heights and proving itself on the international stage. It’s fantastic for our members to have their work judged against international standards and to demonstrate the excellence that New Zealand designers are currently achieving – it really is leading edge,” said Andersen.

Steiner, who completed her architectural training at the University of Florence, is currently on a teaching sabbatical as visiting Professor at Unitec Institute of Technology in Auckland. As a judge she says she will be looking to see how entries reflect, represent and explain New Zealand.

“I am particularly looking forward to seeing how entries align and integrate architecture and nature,” says Steiner.

The ADNZ/Resene Architectural Design Awards are to be judged in Christchurch on 29 May with the regional award winners being announced in late June and July. The national and supreme award winners will be announced on September 27 at a gala awards ceremony in Dunedin.

The awards recognise successful design in residential and commercial architecture across a range of categories including new homes, multi-unit dwellings, interiors, alterations and additions and industrial design. More than 130 entries across all categories have been received. Entries are open to ADNZ members only and closed on 1 May.

Associate Professor, Tony van Raat is head of the architecture programme at Unitec Institute of Technology in Auckland. Tony has extensive international links especially in China and Italy. He is ex secretary and ex-president of the Association of Architecture Schools of Australasia.

Duncan Joiner is currently Chief Architect at the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. Duncan is a Fellow of the NZIA. He holds a PhD from London University, and was educated at the School of Architecture, University of Auckland and the Bartlett School of Architecture, University College London. Duncan’s appointments include ten years as Assistant Government Architect in New Zealand, and Chief Architect in Works Consultancy Services Ltd. Between 1994 and 2007 Duncan was Head of the Wellington School of Design, Inaugural Pro Vice-Chancellor of the College of Design, Fine Arts and Music and Professor of Design at Massey University. He was a practising architect at Stephenson & Turner Ltd immediately prior to his current appointment as Chief Architect in 2009.