



## **DOCOMOMO US Selected as Recipient of the American Institute of Architects 2009 Institute Honors for Collaborative Achievement**

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**New York, NY. – February 5, 2009** – The American Institute of Architects (AIA) has selected DOCOMOMO US as recipient of the 2009 Institute Honors for Collaborative Achievement. The award, to be presented at the 2009 AIA National Convention and Design Exposition in San Francisco, recognizes and encourages distinguished achievements of allied professionals, clients, organizations, architect teams, knowledge communities, and others who have had a beneficial influence on or advanced the architectural profession.

### **DOCOMOMO US**

Affiliated with more than 50 international working parties and 10 national chapters, DOCOMOMO US is dedicated to the documentation and conservation of buildings, sites, and neighborhoods of the Modern Movement. John Morris Dixon, FAIA, on behalf of the AIA Committee on Design, nominated the organization for its vigorous and effective work to publicize Modern landmarks, document key works for archives, and research and disseminate preservation techniques particular to Modern buildings. "DOCOMOMO US, with its diverse membership of architects, preservationists, historians, and enthusiasts, has become both a recognized force and a respected name in the preservation of Modern heritage in the U.S.," lauds MoMA Philip Johnson Chief Curator Barry Bergdoll.

Other award recipients include the collaborative contributions of a photographer (Peter Aaron) and an engineer (Guy J.P. Nordenson); a textbook (*The Architecture Handbook: A Student Guide to Understanding Buildings*, by Jennifer Masengarb with Krisann Rehbein) and a magazine (Metropolis); and an essay competition (Berkeley Undergraduate Prize for Architectural Design Excellence).

## **About The American Institute of Architects**

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