

AIA/LA 2002 AWARDS

THE ANNUAL AWARDS GIVEN BY THE LOS ANGELES CHAPTER of the American Institute of Architects, honor built and unbuilt work designed by Los Angeles architects.

Two juries selected the 2002 honorees: one jury for the Design and Interior Architecture Awards and another for the NextLA Awards. This year the juror selection was broadened to include related disciplines. Artist Robert Graham, Joseph Rosa, Curator of Architecture and Design SFMOMA and Jeremy Strick, Director of the Museum of Contemporary Art in LA joined a group of architects, Jim Tyler, FAIA, Los Angeles; Helmut Jahn, FAIA, Muphy/Jahn, Chicago; Moshe Safdie, FAIA, Boston; and Anne Chu, AIA, Chu-Gooding Architects, Los Angeles. Jahn,

Rosa and Safdie judged the Design and Interior Architecture Awards while Chu, Graham, Strick and Tyler judged NextLA.

Because of the diversity in the jurors' background, age, and experience, the work itself was the moderating voice, creating a rich dialog where varied perspectives were taken into consideration, with a special interest in understanding the viewpoints and observations of other creative thinkers. The jurors sought to award projects that spoke with verbal and graphic clarity in identifying goals and expressing solutions.

Both groups were impressed with what they saw as the continuing energy of Los Angeles manifested by an assemblage of projects as diverse as the city itself.

MERIT AWARD

Monique L'huiller, Beverly Hills

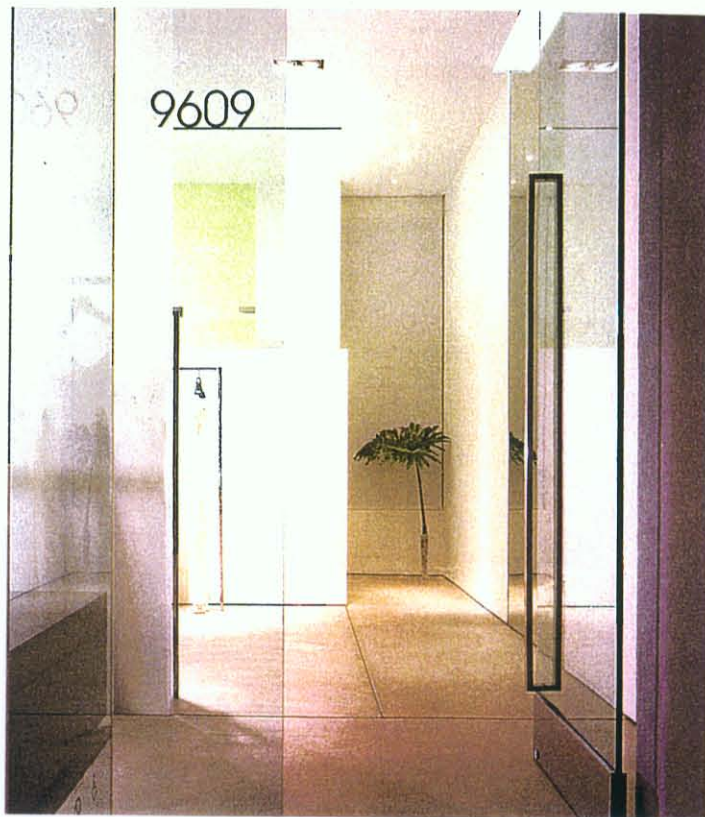
CLIENT: Monique L'huiller, Tom Bugbee

ARCHITECT: Design Bureau

INTERIOR DESIGNER: Studio Ethos

DESIGN TEAM: Abboud Malak, David Montalba,
Kelly Schandel, John Umbanhowar

Jury Comments: This 1,600-square-foot wedding gown and evening wear showroom was chosen as one of the more refined interiors. The relationship of purpose (formal dress making) to the details of wall to floor and wall to opening were complimentary. Safdie thought even the hangers played an organizing role.



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