

Designer flair that merits applause

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San Francisco firms Vanderbyl Design and Aidlin Darling Design have chalked up multiple mentions from the Honor Awards given out by the International Interior Design Association's Northern California chapter.

Michael Vanderbyl (also dean of design at the California College of the Arts) received honorable mention for his work on a St. Helena residence and on Teknion's San Francisco showroom, as well as a coveted Honor Award for Teknion's IIDEX exhibit of 2006.

Joshua Aidlin and David Darling snagged a Merit Award for their Ocean Beach residence with Steven Miller Design Studio, (shown above), and an Honor Award in the commercial category for Bar Bambino, a cafe and wine bar in San Francisco's Mission District.

Anshen + Allen won the Honor Award in the institutional category for the Sir Henry Wellcome Manchester Interdisciplinary Biocentre in the United Kingdom, and SmithGroup won in the work category for its own San Francisco office. Mark Horton/Architecture, Tom Eliot Fisch and Douglas Durkin Design Inc., and local offices of Sasaki Associates, Huntsman Architectural Group and Gensler also won recognition for projects in the region.

There were 70 entries this year, the fourth for the chapter's Honor Awards, which were presented Feb. 7 at the Masonic Auditorium.

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