

AIA TAMPA BAY ANNOUNCES PHOTO COMPETITION WINNERS

Amateur Photography Competition Focuses on West Central Florida Architecture



Tampa, FL (September 25, 2007) – The Tampa Bay Chapter of the American Institute of Architects announced the winners of their first Architectural Photography Competition for amateur photographers. Todd McDonald earned the top \$1,000 prize for *Cityscape I*, Ryan Welty earned second place for *A1 School* and third place went to Fadi Sheikh-Khalil for the *Façade of the Federal Building*. The competition, juried by local architectural photographers Mark Borosch, Randy Van Duinen and Steven Widoff had 145 entries. The top 15 photographs will be on display at Gallery AIA beginning October 12th when the

association will host an opening reception from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. that is free and open to the public. Gallery AIA is located at 200 N. Tampa Street, Ste. 100 in downtown Tampa.

In addition to monetary prizes, the top fifteen entries will be featured in a 2008 Architectural Calendar. Those who will have their work featured in the calendar include: David Bailey, AIA; Michael Brun; Michael Dailey, Assoc. AIA; Christopher Davis, Assoc. AIA; Adam Fritz, Assoc. AIA; Derek Jensen; Taylor Oliver; Kyle Stone; Alison Thom; Johanna Twiford; Greg Walden and Meyer Weitzman, AIA.

“Some of the entries exhibited excellent technical skills, composition and creativity. There is a lot of potential here. I would tell any of the entrants, if they didn’t win this year, keep shooting and enter again next year,” said juror, Mark Borosch.

The competition and gallery opening are a part of the chapter’s annual *Archifest – a celebration of architecture* that will feature a wide variety of events, most are open to the public. The events begin on October 2nd with a tour of the Towers of Channelside. See the complete schedule at www.ariatampabay.com.

AIA is the professional association for architects and those in the architecture field. AIA Tampa Bay is the regional chapter representing 617 members in Hillsborough, Pinellas, Polk, Hernando, Citrus, Sumter and Pasco Counties. The AIA provides programs and services including educational programs, design competitions, community service programs and serves as the united voice of the architecture profession.