

Press Release

Los Angeles architect Eric Owen Moss receives Austrian Decoration of Honor for Science and Art

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Austrian Federal President Heinz Fischer (left) and Eric Owen Moss



Vienna, Austria, June 21, 2016 – Eric Owen Moss was awarded an Austrian Decoration of Honor for Science and Art during a ceremony at the Hofburg Palace on Tuesday evening. The award is presented by the Austrian Federal President to individuals who have “distinguished themselves and earned general acclaim through especially superior creative and commendable services in the areas of the sciences or the arts.” Moss was honored alongside the attorney Manfred Burgstaller and the artist Oswald Oberhuber, who join the ranks of recipients including Marina Abramovic (2008), Václav Havel (2005), Hans Hollein (1990), and Elias Canetti (1972).

Eric Owen Moss, FAIA

Principal and Lead Designer at Eric Owen Moss Architects

Since 1973 Eric Owen Moss Architects has designed a variety of award-winning buildings that continue to reshape the discourse of international architecture. The firm has garnered over 100 local, national, and international design awards.

Moss was honored with the Academy Award in Architecture from the American Academy of Arts and Letters in 1999. He received the AIA/LA Gold Medal in 2001, and was a recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of California, Berkeley in 2003. In 2007, he received the Arnold W. Brunner Memorial Prize, recognizing a distinguished history of architectural design. In 2011 he was awarded the Jencks Award by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA). In 2014 Moss was inducted into the National Academy. The firm’s most recent project, Pterodactyl, has received numerous awards including local, state, and national design awards from the American Institute of Architects.

Eric Owen Moss has held teaching positions at major universities around the world including Harvard, Yale, Columbia, University of Applied Arts in Vienna, and the Royal Academy in Copenhagen. Moss has been a longtime professor at the Southern California Institute of Architecture (SCI-Arc), and served as its director from 2002-2015. He received the Most Admired Educator Award from the Design Futures Council in 2013, and The AIA/LA Educator of the Year in 2006.

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