

Awarding Social Design Pioneers

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# Curry Stone Foundation to Recognize Cameron Sinclair and Kate Stohr, Co-founders, Architecture for Humanity, with New VISION AWARD

2013 Curry Stone Design Prize Winners to be announced on November 7<sup>th</sup>

Bend, OR (August 29, 2013)—The Curry Stone Foundation will honor Cameron Sinclair and Kate Stohr, co-founders of Architecture for Humanity, with its first VISION AWARD at the Curry Stone Design Prize awards ceremony on November 7, 2013.

Sinclair and Stohr's commitment to social impact design has been demonstrated through their work at Architecture for Humanity, a nonprofit dedicated to designing and sharing solutions to humanitarian crises. In over a decade of work, Architecture for Humanity has built and completed over 200 projects in more than 50 countries, including schools in West Africa and Haiti, sports and cultural centers in South Africa and South America, and long-term rebuilding efforts in Myanmar, India, Sri Lanka, and New Orleans.

The VISION AWARD recognizes individuals who have significantly inspired the design profession and the communities they engage through their continuing commitment to social impact design.

"From the moment I heard Cameron present the book *Design Like You Give A Damn*, I knew Architecture for Humanity would become a game changer and inspire a new generation of designers to bring good design to those who need it most," said Clifford Curry, co-founder of the Prize.

In partnership with Architecture for Humanity's annual conference, Design Like You Give a Damn Live!, the VISION AWARD will be presented at a ceremony that also honors this year's three Curry Stone Design Prize winners. The two-day event focuses on humanitarian design and community development through discussions, presentations, and workshops. It will kick off with the Curry Stone Design Prize awards ceremony on the evening of November 7<sup>th</sup> in San Francisco where the VISION AWARD will also be presented to Sinclair and Stohr. The awards ceremony will be live-streamed for a global audience.

#### **About the 2013 Vision Award Winners**

Journalist Kate Stohr and architect Cameron Sinclair co-founded Architecture for Humanity in 1999 in New York in an effort to link people in post-disaster areas with architects and designers. Inspired by news stories of the growing refugee crisis in Kosovo, they looked to enlist the international design community to build shelters and transitional housing. They first ran a competition for innovative refugee housing designs; 220 architects responded and Architecture for Humanity built its first transitional housing prototype. The organization soon began shepherding reconstruction projects, pairing local communities with design professionals and using its network to respond to devastating disasters such as the Indian Ocean tsun

Past Curry Stone Design Prize Winne

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### 2013 Curry Stone Design Prize Program

#### **Awards Ceremony November 7, 2013**

San Francisco
3 Prize Winners
Vision Award:
Cameron Sinclair, Kate Stohr
Architecture for Humanity

At the Contemporary Jewish Museum, San Francisco

#### Curry Stone Design Prize Presentation November 8, 2013

Design Like You Give a Damn Live! At Autodesk Gallery, San Francisco

**2013 Jury**: John Cary, N'Goné Fall, Rahu Mehrotra, Damon Rich, and Clifford Curry

**Prize Founders**: Clifford Curry and Delight Stone, Bend, OR.

**Prize Secretary**: Emiliano Gandolfi, architect and curator, co-founder of Cohabitation Strategies, Rotterdam.

**Prize Curator**: Chee Pearlman, design editor and curator, principal of Chee Company, New York.

**Senior Prize Advisor:** Rahul Mehrotra, Chair, Urban Planning and Design, Harva Graduate School of Design.

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In 2006 Sinclair and Stohr coauthored a best-selling book, *Design Like You Give A Damn: Architectural Responses to Humanitarian Crises*. Featuring case studies of innovative and sustainable social design solutions, it was the first book to showcase the best of humanitarian architecture in an accessible format. In its fifth printing, it has served as a call to action for designers and architects around the globe. In 2012 a second volume, *Building Change From the Ground Up*, was published to similar acclaim.

In 2006, Architecture for Humanity launched the Open Architecture Network, the first open source community dedicated to improving living conditions through sustainable design. The site provides open source architectural plans, drawings, and CAD files, and provides the platform for the agency's frequent design competitions. Today, Architecture for Humanity is a global network of 52 chapters in 13 countries with more than 6,470 volunteer design professionals. For more information see: architectureforhumanity.org.

Like all Prizewinners, the inaugural VISION AWARD recipients will be the subject of a short documentary produced by the Curry Stone Foundation. All films will be premiered at the awards ceremony on November 7<sup>th</sup> and released online the following day. The Curry Stone Design Prize winner films, past and present, are shared on many digital channels including the Prize's <u>website</u>, IDEO, Public Interest Design, and YouTube. Virgin America is currently airing a short documentary on the Prize winners' work on all domestic flights.

## About the Curry Stone Design Prize

The Curry Stone Design Prize was founded in 2008 by **Clifford Curry** and **Delight Stone** to recognize designers addressing urgent social issues. It was established with the belief that design can be a critical force for improving lives and strengthening communities. The Prize helps make the talents of social impact designers available to a broad audience and inspires a new generation of designers to harness their ingenuity and craft for social good.

In addition to the VISION AWARD, this year's Prize jury selected three international winners who will be announced in November. The annual Prize, in its sixth year, is one of the most recognized social impact awards and is distinguished by its unique documentary film program that brings the narratives of designers addressing world problems to a global audience.

Nominees for the Curry Stone Design Prize are selected by an anonymous, international group of social impact leaders representing broad fields of design as well as humanitarian advocates from related disciplines. Emphasis is placed on emerging projects and ideas that may not have yet been taken to scale.

# 2013 CURRY STONE DESIGN PRIZE Schedule of Events

Curry Stone Design Prize Awards Ceremony Thursday, November 7, 2013, 7:00 – 9:00pm Reception to Follow Contemporary Jewish Museum San Francisco, CA

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2013 Winners Presentations at DLYGAD Live! Friday, November 8, 2013, Autodesk Gallery 1 Market Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, San Francisco

For more information about the Curry Stone Design Prize, Events, and Winners, go to www.currystonedesignprize.com

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