



New York City Judged "Top Dog"

at Ninth Annual International
Canstruction® Competition

June 8 -- New York City's "An American Classic" created by architecture and interior design firm Butler Rogers Baskett Architects, P.C., was proclaimed Jurors' Favorite at the 9th Annual International Canstruction® Competition juried May 18th in Las Vegas.

Canstruction®, trademarked by the Society of Design Administration (SDA) and held in conjunction with chapters of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and allied professional organizations, is an annual charity competition where design firms test their mettle to see who can build the most astounding structure made entirely from full cans of food. At the

close of the competition all of the food used in the structures is donated to local food banks to feed those most in need. Structures, ranging in size from 1,000 to 13,000 cans, are created by stacking a variety of can sizes and shapes using the product labels as the color pallet. Structurally self-supporting, the only other materials to be used are 1/4" leveling, cardboard, tape, rubber bands and wire. This past year competitions took place in 45 cities across North America. Local winners went on to compete via photography and were judged at the AIA/SDA national convention.

New York City acquired bragging rights by garnering four out of the seven national awards. In addition to *Jurors' Favorite* NYC won the *Structural Ingenuity* award for Platt Byard Dovel & White Architects' "Manhattan Can Chowder" (a colossal sea shell) and both *Honorable Mention* awards for Fox & Fowle Architects' "A Call to Arms" (an Octopus) and Fradkin & McAlpin Associates' "Fuel For Thought" (a trio of old-fashioned gas pumps). New York City's local competition donated a record breaking 98,597 pounds of food to the Food Bank For New York City and with 34 entries was far and away the largest local competition. All together the competitions donated close to One Million pounds of food to local food banks from a total of 384 built structures.

Nadaskay Kopelson Architects of Morristown, NJ, won *Best Use of Labels* with "Vote to end Hunger," an election year entry of a donkey and elephant, and the *Best Meal* award went to "Magic Castle of Canderella" by Huckabee of Fort Worth, TX. "More than Just Peanuts," by Legends Memorabilia/Industrial Brand Creative of Vancouver used 12,961 cans in their structure of Snoopy atop his doghouse, winning them the *Most Cans* award.

The jury's job was not made easy with so many impressive structures competing to win so runners-ups were selected in each category. This year's impressive panel of jurors from Las Vegas included:

Todd-Avery Lenahan, President, Avery Brooks & Associates
Elizabeth Herridge, Managing Director, Guggenheim Hermitage Museum at The Venetian
Michael Kroelinger, Ph.D., AIA, FIIDA, LC, Director, UNLV School of Architecture
L. Brent Wright, PE, SE, CEO, Wright Engineers
James C. Lord II, AIA, Principal, KGA Architecture
Ron Frye, VP of Construction, Coast Casinos
Stephen Hendee, artist, Las Vegas Arts Commission
Scott Dickensheets, Editor, Las Vegas Weekly Architecture Trends
Geoff Schumacher, Director of Community Publications, Stephens Media Group

And The Winners are:

Jurors' Favorite

"An American Classic"

Butler Rogers Baskett Architects, P.C.

New York, NY

6,394 cans

Photographer: Kevin Wick

Host: New York Design Center



Structural Ingenuity

"Manhattan Can Chowder"

Platt Byard Dovell White Architects

New York, NY

3,200 cans

Photographer: Kevin Wick

Host: New York Design Center



Best Use of Labels

"Vote to end Hunger"

Nadaskay Kopelson Architects

Morristown, NJ

12,000 cans

Photographer: Nadaskay Kopelson



Best Meal

"Magic Castle of Canderella"

Huckabee

Fort Worth, TX

7,500 cans

Photographer: Truitt Rogers

Host: Ridgmar Mall



Honorable Mention

"Fuel for Thought"

Fradkin & McAlpin Associates, LLP

New York, NY

2,602 cans

Photographer: Kevin Wick

Host: New York Design Center



Honorable Mention

"A Call to Arms"

Fox & Fowle Architects, P.C.
New York, NY

4,100 cans

Photographer: Kevin Wick

Host: New York Design Center



Most Cans

"More Than Just Peanuts"

Legends Memorabilia/
Industrial Brand Creative

Vancouver, BC

12,961 cans

Photographer: Marina Dodis

Host: Cruise Ship Terminal



Jurors' Favorite Runner Up

"A Meal a Day Can Keep
Hunger at Bay!"

Gideon Toal, Inc.

Fort Worth, TX

3,160 cans

Photographer: Truitt Rogers

Host: Ridgmar Mall



Structural Ingenuity Runner Up

"Clearing a Path to Demolish
Hunger" McGill Smith Punshon, Inc.

Cincinnati, OH

9,151 cans

Photographer: J. Miles Wolf

Host: Weston Art Gallery



Best Use of Labels Runner Up

"Candamania"

SmithGroup

Washington, DC

5,136 cans

Photographer: Hochlander Davis

Host: The Shops at

2000 Pennsylvania Avenue



Best Meal Runner Up

"We Can Extinguish Hunger"
Cole + Russell Architects, Inc.
Cincinnati, OH
3,552 cans
Photographer: J. Miles Wolf
Host: Weston Art Gallery



Honorable Mention - Runner Up

"Last Stop for Hunger"
BA Consulting Group, LTD.
Toronto, BC
1,655 cans
Photographer: Richard Lanten
Host: The Design Exchange



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