

## Thomas Phifer

Thomas Phifer approaches modernism from a humanistic standpoint, connecting the built environment to the natural world with a heightened sense of openness and community spirit that is based on a collaborative, interdisciplinary process. Since founding Thomas Phifer and Partners 1997, he has completed the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh, North Carolina, the Raymond and Susan Brochstein Pavilion at Rice University in Houston, Texas, and the Salt Point House, the Millbrook House and the Taghkanic House, all in the Hudson River Valley of New York State.

Work under construction includes the United States Federal Courthouse in Salt Lake City, Utah and the prototype of a new street light fixture for New York City. The firm is also designing an expansion of the Corning Museum of Glass in Corning, New York, a new museum for the Glenstone Foundation in Potomac, Maryland, a Field House and Velodrome for Brooklyn Bridge Park in Brooklyn, New York, a Federal Office Building in San Juan, Puerto Rico and houses in Madison, Wisconsin and Dallas, Texas.

Thomas Phifer's buildings have been repeatedly honored by the American Institute of Architects, including seven AIA National Honor Awards and twelve AIA New York Honor Awards. In 2011 the North Carolina Museum of Art won a National Honor Award from the AIA and in 2010 the Raymond and Susan Brochstein Pavilion also won a National Honor Award. The international competition-winning design for the City Lights light fixture for New York City won a Research and Development Award from Architect magazine in 2009, and in 2008 the Salt Point House won an American Architecture Award from the Chicago Athenaeum. His projects have been published and exhibited extensively in the United States and overseas.

In 2004 Mr. Phifer was awarded the Medal of Honor, the highest award given to an individual or firm, from the New York Chapter of the AIA. In 1995 he received the prestigious Rome Prize from the American Academy in Rome, and in 2011 he was elected an Academician of the National Academy of Design. In 2013, Mr. Phifer received the Arts and Letters Award in Architecture from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. He is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects and is serving as a Peer for the General Services Administration. He received his Bachelor of Architecture in 1975 and his Master of Architecture in 1977, both from Clemson University.

Thomas Phifer lectures widely on his work and has served as a design instructor, lecturer and critic at numerous architecture schools. Most recently he held the Stevenson Chair at the University of Texas and has taught at Cornell University and the University of Pennsylvania. A monograph on the work of Thomas Phifer and Partners was released in the fall of 2010 by Skira Rizzoli.

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## Education

- 1977 Clemson University, Master of Architecture
- 1976 Daniel Center for Architecture and Urban Studies, Genoa, Italy
- 1975 Clemson University, Bachelor of Architecture

## Experience

- 1997 Thomas Phifer and Partners, New York, New York
- 1995-1996 Rome Prize. Fellow, American Academy in Rome, Rome, Italy
- 1986-1996 Richard Meier & Partners Architects, New York, New York, Partner
- 1979-1985 Gwathmey Siegel and Associates Architects, New York, New York, Senior Associate
- 1978-1979 Craig, Gaulden, and Davis Architects, Greenville, South Carolina
- 1977-1978 Wolf Associates Architects, Charlotte, North Carolina

## Credentials

Registered Architect, New York, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, District of Columbia, Texas, Maryland

## Distinctions

Rome Prize, American Academy in Rome  
Medal of Honor, American Institute of Architects New York  
Fellow, American Institute of Architects  
Academician, National Academy of Fine Arts  
Arts & Letters Award in Architecture, American Academy of Arts & Letters  
Seven American Institute of Architects Honor Awards  
Fourteen American Institute of Architects New York Honor Awards

## Chronology

- 2014 AIA Ohio, Lecturer  
Architectural Record Innovation Conference, Keynote Speaker  
University of Southern California, Lecturer  
Stanford University, Lecturer  
Virginia Tech, Lecturer  
Urban Green Council, Emerging Professionals Design Competition, Juror  
Parkins and Will Firm Awards, Juror  
Alfred State College New York, Lecturer  
Architectural League New York, Emerging Voices, Juror and Presenter
- 2013 Architectural League New York, Lecturer  
American Academy of Arts and Letters, Exhibition  
Monterey Design Conference, Lecturer  
AIA Dallas, Lecturer  
Kansas State University, Lecturer
- 2012 National Academy of Fine Arts, Academician  
AIA South Carolina, Lecturer  
Rice University, Lecturer  
AIA New Jersey, Lecturer

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- 2011 AIA National Honor Awards, Juror  
AIA North Carolina Honor Awards, Juror  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Lecturer  
Minnesota AIA, Lecturer  
AIA North Carolina, Lecturer  
Davidson College, Lecturer
- 2010 Tulane University, Lecturer  
Texas AIA Honor Awards Juror  
Texas AIA, Lecturer  
Midwest Regional AIA, Key Note Lecturer  
Washington University, Lecturer  
New York City AIA, Lecturer  
Florida International University, Lecturer
- 2009 Wilmington, North Carolina AIA, Lecturer  
Chicago AIA Honor Awards Juror  
Baltimore AIA Honor Awards Juror  
Harvard University, Lecturer  
AIA Courthouse Conference, Lecturer
- 2008 University of Virginia, Lecturer  
San Francisco AIA Judicial Conference, Keynote Lecturer  
North Carolina AIA, Lecturer  
Iowa State University, Lecturer  
Georgia AIA Chapter, Design Awards, Jury Chair  
National Building Museum, Lecturer
- 2007 Chicago Architecture Foundation, Lecturer  
Des Moines Art Center, Lecturer  
Architect Magazine, Progressive Architecture Awards Juror  
Arizona AIA Honor Awards, Jury Chair
- 2005 University of Texas at Austin, School of Architecture, Professor  
University of Texas College of Architecture, Stevenson Chair  
Georgia Institute of Technology, Lecturer  
South Carolina AIA Honor Awards Juror  
Rice Design Alliance, Lecturer
- 2004 AIA New York Chapter, Medal of Honor  
AIA National Honor Awards Juror  
North Carolina AIA Honor Awards Juror  
Yale University, Lecturer  
University of Utah, Lecturer  
Sarasota Design Conference, Lecturer  
Iowa AIA Convention, Lecturer  
Dallas Architecture Forum Lecture Series, Lecturer
- 2003 New York University in collaboration with the Museum of Arts and Design, Lecturer  
Mississippi State University, Lecturer  
Architecture Magazine Residential Awards Juror

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- 2002 North Carolina State University, Lecturer  
North Carolina State University, Exhibition
- 2001 University of Nebraska, Lecturer  
University of Tennessee, Lecturer  
Louisiana AIA, Design Conference, Lecturer  
Saluda Shoals Amphitheater Competition  
Design League of Columbia, South Carolina, Jury Chair
- 2000 University of Michigan, Lecturer  
Michigan AIA Chapter, Lecturer
- 1999 Columbia, South Carolina, City Hall Lecturer  
New Jersey Institute of Technology, Lecturer  
Cranbrook Academy, Lecturer  
United States Courthouse, Springfield, Massachusetts, Competition Juror
- 1998 Arizona State University, Lecturer  
Connecticut AIA Chapter, Annual Design Awards, Juror  
University of Pennsylvania, School of Architecture, Adjunct Professor  
General Services Administration, National Peer Reviewer
- 1997 University of Pennsylvania, School of Architecture, Visiting Professor  
Ohio AIA Chapter, Annual Design Awards, Jury Chair  
General Services Administration, Design Excellence Program, Lecturer  
Florida AIA Chapter, Annual Design Awards Juror  
Dallas AIA Chapter, Annual Design Awards, Juror  
Public Architecture of Phoenix, AIA Committee on Design, Lecturer  
Monterey Design Conference, California AIA, Speaker  
Harvard University Professional Development, Courthouse Design, Lecturer  
Connecticut AIA Chapter, Annual Design Awards, Juror  
The American Architectural Foundation, Architecture and the Human Dimension, Lecturer
- 1996 University of Pennsylvania, School of Architecture, Adjunct Professor  
Philadelphia Chapter AIA, Annual Design Awards, Juror  
Minnesota AIA Chapter, Annual Design Awards, Juror  
University of Pennsylvania, Visiting Lecturer  
Minnesota Chapter AIA, Convention Lecturer  
Clemson University, Visiting Lecturer  
Third International Conference on Courthouse Design, Lecturer  
Arizona State University, Lecturer  
New Jersey Institute of Technology, Lecturer
- 1995 Second International Conference on Courthouse Design, Lecturer  
University of Miami, Visiting Lecturer  
AIA New York Chapter Design Awards Committee, Chairman
- 1994 Harvard University Professional Development, Lecturer  
AIA Conference, New Courthouse Design, Lecturer
- 1977-1996 Columbia University, Yale University, Harvard University, University of Florida,  
Clemson University, Cornell University, Syracuse University, University of Pennsylvania, Critic and Juror