



Art Cave
Young At Art Museum

Architecture Is Fun, Inc.

Architecture Is Fun has received numerous awards and accolades in multiple design disciplines from diverse organizations. The recognition is a testament to a body of work and expertise that inspires colleagues and clients, and has measurable economic, social and sustainable impact on the lives of families and the communities they call home.

**American Institute of Architects
Chapter Awards**

2016

**Young At Art Museum
Davie, Florida**

Citation of Merit Award – Small Projects, AIA Chicago.
Recognition of a small project's power.
Jurors commented the cave is "playful and innovative; something we would want to peek inside."

**DuPage Children's Museum Pyramid Bench
Naperville, Illinois.**

Citation of Merit Award – Small Projects, AIA Chicago.
Acknowledgment of experiential design.
The jury called the Pyramid Bench an "active object", noting its ability to encourage exploration and movement.

2013

**St. Chrysostom's Day School Tree House Chapel
Chicago, Illinois**

Honor Award – Small Projects, AIA Chicago.
Recognition of a small project's power to communicate mission-based play in what jurors called "lovable."

2009

**St. Chrysostom's Day School Gothic Garden
Chicago, Illinois**

Mies van de Rohe Award, AIA Illinois.
Recognition of significant achievement in design innovation: award given for bringing vibrancy and community vitality in to reclaim a formerly disused space and re-purposing it.



Pyramid Bench
DuPage Children's Museum



St. Chrysostom's Day School
Gothic Garden of 500 SF

**American Institute of Architects
Chapter Awards**

2009

**St. Chrysostom's Day School Gothic Garden
Chicago, Illinois**

Distinguished Building Award, AIA Chicago, 2009.
Recognition of significant achievement in design.
Jurors stated the Gothic Garden conveys a strong message of the value and potential impact that can be found in the transformation of small spaces.

2008

**Evanston Public Library Teen Loft
Evanston, Illinois.**

Interior Architecture, AIA Chicago.
In association with Nagle Hartray.
Acknowledgment of a spirited graphic design solution brought about through a participatory process (juror comments).

2007 & Earlier

**Pritzker Family Children's Zoo, Lincoln Park Zoo
Chicago, Illinois**

Interior Architecture Award, AIA Chicago.
In association with EHDD.
Award given to recognize a "sophisticated and kid-centered approach to re-creating a natural setting indoors for play and learning (juror comments).

**DuPage Children's Museum
Naperville, Illinois.**

Distinguished Building Award, AIA Chicago.
Recognition of significant achievement in design, planning, and execution; the DuPage Children's Museum conveys a strong message of value and vitality.

**Kids On The Fly
O'Hare International Airport and Chicago Children's Museum Satellite,
Chicago, Illinois.**

Interior Architecture Award, AIA Chicago.
Recognition of interior accessible exhibit located in litigious public domain.



Frost Art Museum

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2016

**DuPage Children's Museum Pyramid Bench
Naperville, Illinois.**

Furnishings First Place Award, ASID Illinois.
Recognition of significant achievement in design.
In association with Fun Finders.

**Frost Art Museum
Miami, Florida.**

Merit Award in Education, CODA Awards Collaboration of Design + Art.
Award given in recognition of the unique collaboration of art, design and education.

2015

**Weissbluth Pediatrics
Chicago, Illinois.**

Healthcare Design Excellence Award, ASID Illinois.
Recognition of significant achievement in designing healthcare projects: Jurors commented the award is for bringing modern beauty and design detail to a growing pediatric medical practice.

**Children's Museum of Fond du Lac
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin**

Fond du Lac Beautification Award, Fond du Lac County Board of Supervisors.
Award given to recognize an institution that encourages improvements in urban areas; the museum transformed an unused parking lot into 10000 square feet of what jurors called "a beautiful outdoor exploration area" that connects families with nature in ways that are both fun and healthy.



Weissbluth Pediatrics



*Young At Art Museum
STEAM Recycled Workshop and
Grotto Gallery*

2014

**Young At Art Museum Cave Pavilion
Davie, Florida.**

Merit Award in Education, CODA Awards Collaboration of Design + Art.
Award given in recognition of the unique collaboration of art, design and education.
"What a fabulous entry it is! Our jurors were incredibly impressed with your explanation of the goals of the project and the integration of the artwork into the space. The collaboration process between all the parties involved is an outstanding example of artistic collaboration."
~ CODAworx Editors.

**Young At Art Museum STEAM Recycled Workshop
Davie, Florida.**

First Place Award - Contract Project Small Firm, ASID Illinois.
Collaboration with artist Pablo Cano and filmmaker Clifton Childree.
Award given to recognize design excellence by small firm.

2012

**Young At Art Museum
Davie, Florida**

Best Picks for the Field's Finest Museums, American Alliance of Museums.

**Young At Art Museum
Davie, Florida**

Non-profit Academy Award, UPNC Bank/Broward County.

**Young At Art Museum
Davie, Florida**

Judges Choice Award for Best New Museum, New York Times.

**Young At Art Museum
Davie, Florida**

Best Museum Award & Kids Crown Award, South Florida Parenting Association.

Design Excellence, Museum & Collaboration Awards



Fountaindale Public Library Teen Vortex



Latin School of Chicago Public Space as Interactive Science Forum

2012

**Fountaindale Public Library Teen Vortex
Bolingbrook, Illinois.**

Institutional Interiors First Place Award, ASID Illinois. In association with Nagle Hartray and Fun Finders. Award given for design excellence.

**Latin School of Chicago Interactive Science Forum
Chicago, Illinois.**

Outstanding Design – Grand Award, American School & University. In association with Nagle Hartray and Fun Finders. Recognition of design excellence within educational environments, where learning is by design.

**St. Chrysostom’s Day School Early Childhood Chapel
Chicago, Illinois.**

Commercial Interiors Small Project Under 3000 SF, First Place, ASID Illinois. Acknowledgment of a sophisticated approach in creating a spiritual and beautiful environment for children and church (juror comments).

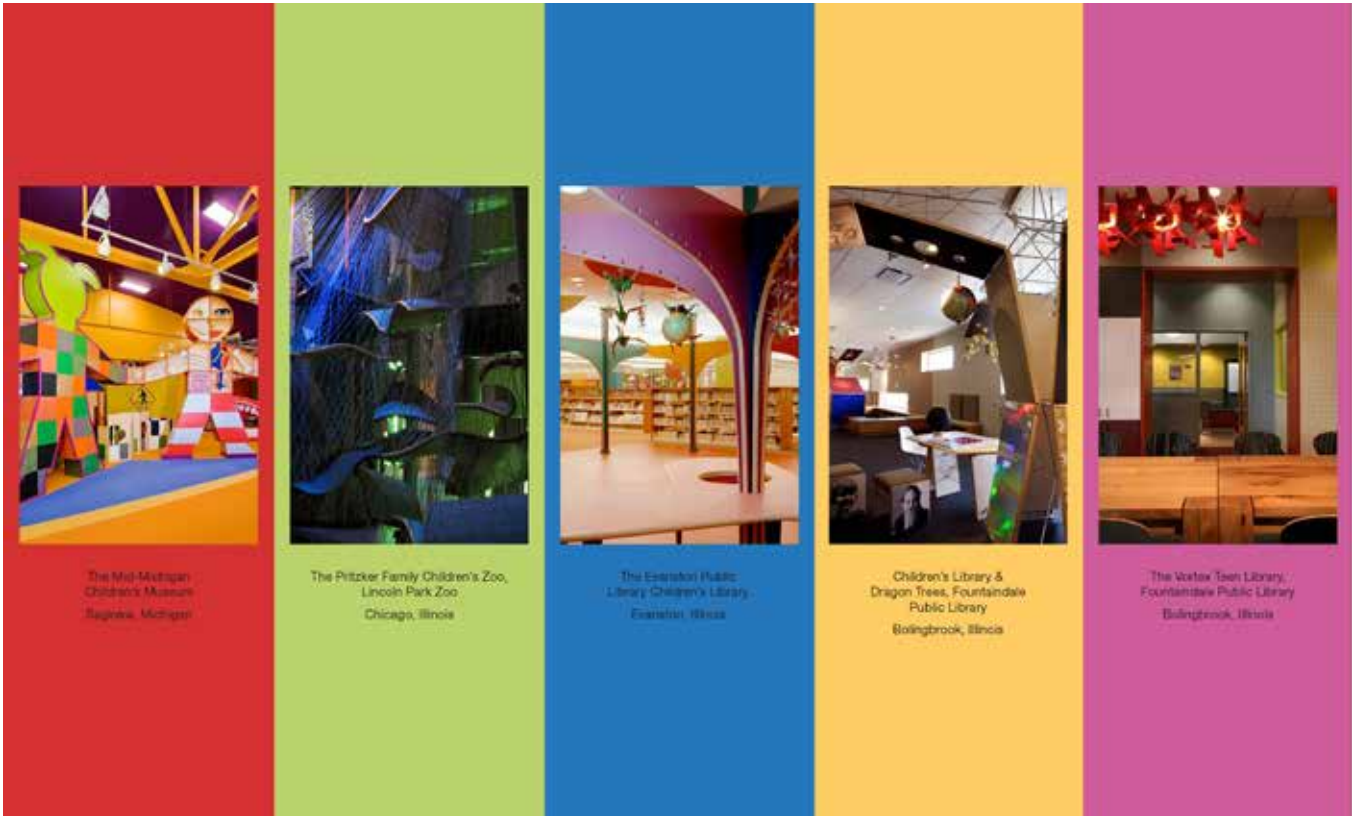
**Mid-Michigan Children’s Museum
Saginaw, Michigan.**

Color in Design Award, 1st Place, Print and HOW. Award given for exceptional use of color as an agent for expressing community and revitalization.

2012

**Benjamin Moore HUE Award
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HUE Award, Benjamin Moore. Award given to architectural firm to recognize an exceptional use of color in commercial architecture and interiors.



Peter Exley, FAIA and Sharon Exley MAAE head Chicago-based Architecture Is Fun, which has earned the HUE for Contract Interiors. The husband and wife duo dedicate their practice to architecture for play and learning for children of all ages, with projects that include museums, public spaces, libraries, parks, playgrounds and healthcare facilities. Dynamic colors infuse their projects with delight and meaning, engaging children and families in play.

~ Paul Goldberger, Architecture Critic, Educator and Contributing Editor.

Design Excellence, Museum & Collaboration Awards



*Fountainsdale Public Library
Children's Library*

2011

**Fountainsdale Public Library
Bolingbrook, Illinois.**

Institutional Interiors First Place Award, ASID Illinois.
In association with Nagle Hartray and Fun Finders.
Award given for design excellence.

**Architecture Is Fun, Inc.
Chicago, Illinois.**

National Marketing Communications Award - Corporate Identity, 1st Place, Society for Marketing Professionals.
Award given for communicating design excellence through corporate identity for small firms.

2009

**Ronald McDonald House
Oak Lawn, Illinois.**

Outstanding Project Award, Association of Subcontractors and Affiliates.
In association with Constantine Vasiliou and Associates.
Award given for significant achievement in design and construction.

2007

**Evanston Public Library Teen Loft
Evanston, Illinois.**

Outstanding Project Award, American Library Association & International Interior Design Association.
In association with Nagle Hartray and Fun Finders.
Award given for significant achievement for a single space focusing on a specific user group.

**Evanston Public Library Children's Library
Evanston, Illinois.**

Institutional Wood Award, Woodworks North-Central Chapter.
In association with Nagle Hartray and Fun Finders.
Award given innovative and inspirational use of wood in design.



*Ronald McDonald House
The House in the Woods*



*Pritzker Family Children's Zoo
Lincoln Park Zoo*

**Pritzker Family Children's Zoo, Lincoln Park Zoo
Chicago, Illinois.**

Honor Award, Arkansas Society of Landscape Architects.
In association with EHDD and MESA Landscape Architecture.
Award given to recognize a significant achievement in landscape architecture and urban design.

**Bonner Heritage Farm
Lindenhurst, Illinois.**

Achievement Award, NACo (The National Association of Counties).
Award given to recognize Bonner Heritage Farm as a vibrant community-based facility that preserves and presents an important story in Lake County's history to the public.

**Bonner Heritage Farm
Lindenhurst, Illinois.**

Award of Excellence, Illinois Association of Museums.
Award recognition of significant achievement in exhibit and interpretive design.

2007 & Earlier

**Ogden Interactive Park and Playground
City of Chicago Park District, Illinois.**

Merit Award, American Society of Landscape Architects, Illinois Chapter.
Award given to recognize outstanding professional achievement in landscape architecture.

**Playmaze Early Learning Exhibit
Chicago Children's Museum
Chicago, Illinois.**

Design of Understanding Award, American Institute of Graphic Arts.
Award given to sensorial, interactive and graphic environment.