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DDA Canada Awards Decorating and Design Excellence of the Past Year

TORONTO, ON CANADA – May 21, 2020 – Canadian Decorators and Designers celebrated the best in the industry during the Awards Presentation of the 2020 Decorating and Design Competition held by the Decorators & Designers Association of Canada (DDA Canada). Winners were announced during the 2020 DDA Annual General Meeting and Awards where industry peers came together virtually.

Now in its 26th year, DDA's annual competition serves to inspire Canadians by showcasing the most outstanding projects of the past year. "The decorating and design landscape in Canada is richly diverse in terms of talent, business acumen, and professional services. These awards allow the winners to be recognized by industry experts and peers for their creativity, professionalism, and dedication to their craft." says Robin Boles, incoming Chair of the DDA Awards Committee. "Our national award winners range from first-time-award newbies to established multi-award-winners - each of them should be immensely proud of their hard work and accomplishment."

Gold, silver, and bronze medal winners in 14 categories were selected by industry leaders from across Canada. The submissions are evaluated based on complexity, concept, materials, functionality and more. DDA also awarded the Pinnacle Award, which is for the accredited member who has been voted the best from the top 3 winners in each of the 12 categories by their peers and the general public.

2020 award winning projects:

Kitchen Under \$50K

Gold: Mary Dancey, Mary Dancey Interiors, Alliston, ON Silver: Rotem Golan, Ace of Space Interiors, Toronto, ON Bronze: Alaa Yassin, Luli Interiors, Oakville, ON

Kitchen Over \$50K

Gold: Katie Campbell, Katie Campbell Interiors & Design, Waterdown, ON Silver: Kate Dickson, Dickson Design Group, Toronto, ON Bronze: Andrea Colman, Fine Finishes Design Inc., Holland Landing, ON

Bathroom Under \$30K

Gold: Anna Grzesiowski, AMG Design, Toronto, ON Silver: Rotem Golan, Ace of Space Interiors, Toronto, ON Bronze: Kate Dickson, Dickson Design Group, Toronto, ON

Bathroom Over \$30K

Gold: Nikki Fisher-Gigault, NFG Designs, Milton, ON Silver: Victoria McKenney, Enviable Designs, Vancouver, BC Bronze: Ana Cummings, ANA Interiors, Calgary, AB



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Powder Room

Gold: Mary Dancey, Mary Dancey Interiors, Alliston, ON Silver: Nikki Fisher-Gigault, NFG Designs, Milton, ON Bronze: Anastasia Rentzos, Anastasia Interior Design, Concord, ON

Challenging Budget Under \$10K

Gold: Wanda Weston, WW Design Studio, Burnaby, BC Silver: Rida Wasim, Rida Interiors, Brampton, ON Bronze: Margaret Struthers, Margaret Struthers Interiors, Navan, ON

Interior Decoration without Construction \$10K – \$45K

Gold: Patti Wilson, Patti Wilson Design, Newmarket, ON Silver: Ana Cummings, ANA Interiors, Calgary, AB Bronze: Sharyn Kastelic, Primed By Design, Milton, ON

Interior Decoration with Construction Under \$45K

Gold: Yvonne Whelan, Yvonne Whelan Design, Toronto, ON Silver: Katie Golec and Andria Cowan Molyneaux, ACM Designs, Minden Hills, ON Bronze: Katie Golec and Andria Cowan Molyneaux, ACM Designs, Minden Hills, ON

Interior Decoration \$45K – \$100K

Gold: Jo-Anne Kupiec, Design Excellence, Toronto, ON Silver: Alyssa Colagiacomo, Alyssa Colagiacomo Interiors, Toronto, ON Bronze: Rida Wasim, Rida Interiors, Brampton, ON

Interior Decoration Over \$100K

Gold: Benjamin John Ouellette, BJOID, Waterloo, ON Silver: Benjamin John Ouellette, BJOID, Waterloo, ON Bronze: Mary Dancey, Mary Dancey Interiors, Alliston, ON

Commercial

Gold: Gabriele Pizzale, Pizzale Design Inc., Mississauga, ON Silver: Kimberly Dyck, KLD Interiors, Calgary, AB Bronze: Cara Lawson, Cara Interiors, Surrey, BC

Universal Kitchen or Bath Design

Gold: Mary Dancey, Mary Dancey Interiors, Alliston, ON Silver: Katie Golec and Andria Cowan Molyneaux, ACM Designs, Minden Hills, ON

Student - Universal Kitchen or Bathroom Design

Gold: Jennifer Proctor Silver: Angel Yalda Bronze: Valentyna Onyshchenko

Student - General

Gold: Carolina Escobar Silver: Alex Stavridis Bronze: Alyssa Bird



Pinnacle Award Winner: Yvonne Whelan, Design Excellence, Toronto, ON [photo below]

Pinnacle Award Winner



PHOTOGRAPHY AVAILABLE

Project details and before and after photos of each winning project are available upon request.

ABOUT DDA CANADA

The Decorators & Designers Association of Canada (DDA Canada) is a professional not-for-profit association representing both Accredited and Student decorators and designers, and Affiliate businesses across Canada. Its goal is to foster the growth of the decorating industry in Canada; provide advocacy respecting policy matters; promote a positive image of the industry through proactive activities and events; and offer its members continuous upgrading of skills and knowledge. Visit <u>www.ddacanada.com</u>.

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