

# CHARLES ROSE ARCHITECTS

## The Walton Family Foundation Selects Charles Rose Architects for Design Excellence Program

We are honored to be among the architecture and landscape design firms selected in 2021 by the Walton Family Foundation for the Northwest Arkansas Design Excellence Program. Based in Bentonville, Arkansas, the foundation seeks to foster sustainable growth for the fast-expanding region and to protect open spaces for public use. By harnessing the work of a select group of innovative design firms, the program has yielded outstanding schools, museums, theaters, housing, municipal buildings, parks and other projects that demonstrate sensitivity to the area's environment, character, and cultural values.

Begun in 2015, the program borrows some of the same ideas that helped raise the profile of Columbus, Indiana, where starting in the 1950s, the Cummins Foundation sparked a wave of modernist buildings designed by such architects as Eero Saarinen, Robert Venturi and Denise Scott Brown, and I.M. Pei. Cummins agreed to fund new public buildings with the stipulation that the architects be chosen from a select group of young, novel architects. Many years later, in 1997, we were chosen to design the Batholomew Veterans Memorial as a part of the same program.

Among those firms selected this year are Seattle's Olson Kundig and New York's Tod Williams Billie Tsien Architecture, whose most recent notable commission was for the Obama Presidential Center. We are very excited to be included on this list of exceptionally talented architects and designers.



Veterans Memorial, Columbus, IN