

CHARLES ROSE ARCHITECTS

Charles Rose Architects Named AIA Florida Design Awards “Test of Time” Winner for Atlantic Center for the Arts Leeper Studio Complex

The American Institute of Architects, Florida chapter has awarded Thompson and Rose Architects—now Charles Rose Architects --its prestigious 2022 AIA Florida Design Award for 2022 for the Leeper Studio Complex at Atlantic Center for the Arts (ACA), an internationally renowned artist-in-residence community situated on 68 acres in New Smyrna Beach, FL

A Barcelona-based jury of architectural experts judged work from Florida, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. “The degree of creativity and beauty made the jury process difficult but rewarding.” said Héctor Ruiz-Velazquez, chairman of the jury.

The Leeper Studio Complex at ACA received the “Test of Time” honor award. The award recognizes a distinguished work of architecture after a period of 25 years for its aesthetic statement and execution. Further, the award recognizes works that, by the timelessness of their design, have influenced architecture or the building type. The Leeper Studio Complex, built by Epoch Properties of Winter Park, FL, includes music, painting, sculpture, dance and writing studios, a black-box theater, media lab and library, and is a successful union between award-winning architecture and nature. The project designers were Charles Rose, FAIA, and Maryann Thompson, FAIA.



“Atlantic Center for the Arts is an example of form and function working together in harmony with a unique natural environment,” said Lourdes Solera, FAIA President. “The center has aged as well as the trees that surround it, becoming more beautiful with each passing year.”

Named for Atlantic Center for the Arts founder Doris Leeper, the Leeper Studio Complex increased studio spaces for the arts and interdisciplinary endeavors, and elevated ACA’s national profile and breadth of programming. Linked by a boardwalk, the pavilions tread lightly and preserve the native vegetation. The complex provides an expanded venue for creative work, performances, exhibitions and community outreach.

