

WINNERS // DAS BESTE HAUS 2009

BURGENLAND

Prizewinner, Haus Weiden am See

Building: freestanding

Special aspect: uncompromising concrete-built designer house

Footprint (built-up area): 202.6 m²

Floor area: 220 m²

Architect/designer: Andreas Doser, Andrea Dämon

Photos: Arch. Doser/Arch. Dämon/ad2

"One can argue about taste, but not about consistency. The fact that the architects were also the clients for this single-family house is almost impossible to overlook. The clients live their design – uncompromisingly. Everything is considered – down to the cat litter. Once again the national show makes clear just how wide the range of building actually is. It shows that architectural gems do achieve recognition. This black-and-white designer piece is located in red-gold Burgenland."

Erich Kugler, juror

Architektur RaumBurgenland



CARINTHIA

Prizewinner, Rundbogenhaus

Building: freestanding

Special aspects: diving down beneath barrel-vaulted roof shells

Footprint (built-up area): 150 m²

Floor area: 130 m²

Architect/designer: Winkler + Ruck Architekten

Photos: Winkler + Ruck Architekten

"A very small site, at first glance impossible to build on, located close to the town centre and dominated by tall multi-storey housing blocks, an existing wall and a cherry tree form the basis for this unique house. The astonishingly simple answer is provided by a large roof surface made of barrel vaults placed on top of the existing walls on the northern site boundary, so as to 'dive down' protected from the gaze of the neighbours and the noise of the city."

Gerfried Ogris, juror

Kärntens Haus der Architektur



LOWER AUSTRIA

Prizewinner, Haus am See

Building: freestanding

Special aspect: living close to nature beside a gravel pit pond

Footprint (built-up area): 90 m²

Floor area: 135 m²

Architect/designer: DI Katja Nagy

Photos: Wolf Leeb/wolfleeb.com

“Living beside a gravel pit pond near the main motorway to the south means a dreary atmosphere of small houses behind ranks of thujas. Suddenly a well-proportioned beige-coloured form smiles out at you. This house is cleverly formed out of the maximum permissible building volume and conceals inside a light-flooded spatial continuum. The modelled landscape glides impressively up to the bathroom and the bedroom in the basement. As building on the banks was not permitted, a special guest and sauna building is cleverly positioned between the house and the pond. It both frames and presents the landscape.”

Gordana Brandner-Gruber, juror

ORTE – Architektturnetzwerk

Lower Austria



UPPER AUSTRIA

Prizewinner, Haus HP

Building: freestanding

Special aspect: chocolate-coloured external envelope, massively built, with hole-in-the-wall facades

Footprint (built-up area): 127.7 m²

Floor area: 178.32 m²

Architect/designer: Schneider & Lengauer Architekten

Photos: Kurt Hörbst

“This building cleverly occupies a small steep strip of land large enough only for a house 4.10 to 6.30 metres wide between the woods and the road. Large window openings in the solid façade of brown fibre cement shingles present framed views of the mixed forest and the opposite side of the valley. A shadow terrace resembling a woodland clearing is embedded at the edge of the woods. A particularly delightful aspect of this project is the intensive way it distills the atmosphere beneath the branches and foliage.”

Gernot Hertl, juror

architekturforum oberösterreich



SALZBURG

Prizewinner, Haus 47°40'48"N/13°8'12"E

Building: freestanding

Special aspect: the perfect stage for open living in a glasshouse

Footprint (built-up area): 375 m²

Floor area: 234 m²

Architects/designers: Maria Flöckner and Hermann Schnöll

Photos: Stefan Zenzmaier

“This house, intelligently worked-out down to the last detail, was interpreted as a junction between the space of the road and the landscape, as a kind of theatre box from which one can directly experience the magnificent mountain panorama as it changes with the seasons. The atmosphere of the living space, shaped by consistently followed design aspirations, was derived from the client’s desire to reduce the personal aspect to an unusual extent. The house ducks only slightly – without excavations or mounding – into the somewhat sloping site. What remains in the end is the landscape and the human being as guest.”

Norbert Mayr, juror

Initiative Architektur Salzburg



STYRIA

Prizewinner, Haus in Stocking

Building: freestanding

Special aspect: split-level system with different room heights

Footprint (built-up area): 176 m²

Floor area: 180 m²

Architect/designer: DI Andreas Karl

Photos: Walter Henisch

It is rare to encounter the kind of charming reaction to existing circumstances that is demonstrated here. The strikingly asymmetrical form of the neighbouring house was simply mirrored and positioned precisely on the site along an edge in the terrain in the form of a split-level building. While on the street side the house has a plain grey façade and is agreeably restrained, on the south side the living spaces open through generously dimensioned areas of glazing uninterrupted by columns to the park-like garden, offering the residents a variety of spatial experiences.”

Markus Bogensberger, juror
Haus der Architektur Graz



TYROL

Prizewinner, Haus Meyer

Building: freestanding, on a slope

Special aspect: perfect game played between inside and outside

Footprint (built-up area): 226 m²

Floor area: 225 m²

Architect/planner: Holzbox ZT GmbH

Photos: www.norbert-freudenthaler.com

“The plateau of the Hungerburg above Innsbruck is an extremely popular residential area which unfortunately, due to inadequate land-use planning, has in recent years been gradually destroyed by architecture with no real quality. In this context the project by Holzbox is all the more important, as it subtly examines the place and the topography and creates a made-to-measure case for a family. The fine details and intelligent spatial solutions make the house into an atmospherically harmonious habitat.”

Arno Ritter, juror

aut. architektur und tirol



VORARLBERG

Prizewinner, Lehmhaus

Building: freestanding

Special aspect: “down-to-earth” architecture – made from top to bottom out of excavation material

Footprint (built-up area): 150 m²

Floor area: 136 m²

Architect/ planner: Boltshauser Architekten AG, Martin Rauch

Photos: Beat Bühler

“A sustainable house in the truest sense of the term, hardly to be surpassed in terms of economic use of resources, skilled craftsmanship and daring in the choice of materials and the details. The house is exceptional in all respects: cleverly inserted in the landscape, with an atmospherically charged spatial quality, an agreeable internal climate thanks to the use of earth as a building material, and surfaces with a touching haptic quality. Archaic in type and yet high-tech in terms of energy, it offers an incomparable ambiance for comfortable, decelerated living and working.”

Marina Hämmerle, juror Vorarlberger Architektur Institut



VIENNA

Prizewinner, Hofhaus Millergasse

Building: paired building system

Special aspect: The entire site is the living room; larch boxes for residential functions

Footprint (built-up area): 158 m²

Floor area: 132 m²

Architect/planner: Froetscher Lichtenwagner

Carpenter: Christoph Kastner

Photos: Stephan Huger/www.studiohuger.at

“It is not just the affluent commuter belt around our towns that offers reserves of space: in the middle of the densely built-up 6th district the client discovered a decayed workshop shed in a backyard, recognised the potential of the place, and commissioned an architect she trusted to design a single-family house with a separate “granny-flat”. The zoning laws stipulated that any changes made had to remain within the existing building outline, which led to the shed being taken down piece by piece and replaced with new building elements, (pre-fabricated walls and ceilings in timber frame construction, low energy house standard). The result is a surprisingly relaxed system made up of ‘separate rooms’ set in an idyllic garden – an exemplary rediscovery of apparently lost building fabric in a backyard.”

Gabriele Kaiser, juror

Architekturzentrum Wien



NOMINATIONS // DAS BESTE HAUS 2009

BURGENLAND:

Haus an der Mauer, Schützen am Gebirge, DI Reinhard Schafler

CARINTHIA:

Passivhaus am Lendkanal, Klagenfurt, Klaura + Kaden ZT GmbH

LOWER AUSTRIA:

Haus E, Altlenzbach, maschin architektur

Haus H, Hadersfeld, syntax architektur

UPPER AUSTRIA:

Auszugshaus Friedl, Feldkirchen/Donau, DI Gerhard Fischill

Haus Erica, Neukirchen, sammerstreuerwitz

Haus Familie F, Luger & Maul ZT-Ges. OEG

Haus M, Linz, caramel architekten

SALZBURG:

Haus Aufberg, Piesendorf, meck architekten

Haus Kaiser, Goldegg, LP Architektur ZT GmbH

STYRIA:

Haus Yug, Frauental, x architekten ZT KEG

TYROL:

Haus Sistrans, Sistrans, maaars-architecture

Haus Virgen, Virgen/Osttirol, DI Gerhard Mitterberger

VORARLBERG:

EMA-Haus, Feldkirch, DI Bernardo Bader

Das grüne Haus, Feldkirch, Hein-Troy Architekten

Haus HD, Schwarzach, DI Bernardo Bader

Haus Wucher, Raggal, maaars-architecture

VIENNA:

Haus Familie H, Wien, gharakhzadeh sandbichler architekten zt gmbh

Haus K, Wien, Stadtgut Architekten