

THE WINNERS // DAS BESTE HAUS 2013

BURGENLAND

Prize-winner, FORUM LIMBACH

Building: "Vierkanthof" farmhouse – filling an existing gap

Special aspect: the way the upper floor forms a "house on top of the house"

Building footprint: 180 m²

Living space: 150 m²

Architect: Looping Architecture

Photos: Hertha Hurnaus

"Where once the pig sty stood the courtyard of this four-sided (Vierkant) ensemble has been closed in an unconventionally open way. The transparent residential and studio building is integrated in the historic structure. It invites you look deep inside and offers exciting views through to what lies beyond. A lively dialogue develops between outside and inside, between old and new. The striking new upper floor flirts in an ironic fashion with its neighbours. The rough nature of the materials used emanates a laconic charm and an unfinished character. The new building signifies a mood of change amidst morbid fabric – a spirited continuation of the existing buildings."

Erich Kugler, juror

Architektur RaumBurgenland



CARINTHIA

Prize-winner, Backboard

Building: free-standing, extension

Special feature: functional and visually spectacular solution to a noise problem

Building footprint: 150 m²

Living space: 200 m²

Architect: Winkler+Ruck Architekten

Photos: Roland Winkler

“A skilled renovation and extension of a former gate lodge by architect Franz Baumgartner which seems particularly convincing against the background of the generally excessive and overstated building activity near the Wörthersee. Gutting the existing building has opened up new spaces and views. The new building in the second row of development, parallel to the railway line, contains the functional rooms and offers the necessary protection from noise. The accustomed consistent and high quality design of the interior is a most successful example of the contemporary treatment of historically important building fabric.”

Gerfried Ogris, juror

Kärntens Haus der Architektur



LOWER AUSTRIA

Prize-winner, gemini+ wohnlandschaften im wienerwald

Building: free-standing

Special aspect: flexible spatial concept, self-build

Building footprint: 224 m²

Living space: 410 m²

Architect: AL1 ArchitektInnen, bauchplan).(, grundstein and Peter Kneidinger

Photos: Clemens Franke

"Two houses which are just as lively as their residents. The self-build houses stand opposite each other, almost touching at the roofed entrance area shared by both buildings. The façade is made of multi-skin sheets, the structure of concrete and timber, and the floor of rammed earth. For the children when playing the natural cracks in the earth can become an imaginary horse drinking trough and therefore should not be closed up. A bathroom doubles as a passageway, the internal walls are flexible and will adapt easily to the expected changes. Protection from the sun is provided by the numerous fruit trees on the site. Simple and harmonious."

Harald Höller, juror

ORTE Niederösterreich



UPPER AUSTRIA

Prize-winner, 001 house

Building: free-standing

Special aspect: cost-efficient materials presented in a visually attractive way

Building footprint: 298 m²

Living space: 178 m² (+ 60 m² garage)

Architect: Moser und Hager Architekten

Photos: Martina Egger

“The logic of this contemporary interpretation of a pitched roof house is revealed only on taking a second look. It consistently follows a self-confident brief developed in the course of intensive and committed discussions between clients and architects: the uncompromising implementation of jointly defined goals – both from a spatial-aesthetic and a financial viewpoint. The view of the Danube and the foothills of the Alps was integrated in the spaces of the interior by means of threshold areas and carefully considered cut-outs made in the façade. The roughness of the materials used is a product of the budget but is cleverly presented and employed in such a way that it creates an additional value when using the building along with a feel-good factor.”

Michael Schröckenfuchs, juror

afo – Architekturforum Oberösterreich



SALZBURG

Prize-winner, Aufberg 1110

Building: free-standing

Special feature: successful integration of a sharp-edged building volume in its natural surroundings

Building footprint: 90 m² dwelling, 50 m² services building

Living space: 180 m²

Architect: meck architekten gmbh

Photos: Michael Heinrich

"The homogeneity of this clearly defined, sharp-edged timber building makes it seem like a sculpture in the landscape, shaped out of the slope, simple and clear. The untreated rough larch boarding will allow the house age with dignity, increasingly it will be seen as a part of the landscape. The way in which the wood can be experienced, the apparently simple details and the contemporary use of high-quality native materials combine to create a building that generates an atmosphere of great authenticity and comfort."

Karl Thalmeier, juror

Initiative Architektur Salzburg



STYRIA

Prize-winner, SH House

Building: free-standing, addition

Special aspect: way in which the existing building and the addition are closely interwoven

Building footprint: 163 m²

Living space: 162.5 m²

Architect: .tmp architekten | tischler mechs projekte

Photos: Paul Ott

".tmp architekten not only restructured the spatial contexts by means of their careful interventions but also designed a winter garden that adjoins the existing building at a right-angle. The folded concrete slab that takes up and interprets the form of the pitched roof encloses the space for plants like a protective hand, screens the site on the side facing the road, and creates an intimate courtyard situation. A second staircase is integrated in the winter garden which, in addition to creating a new permeability, allows a previously unimaginable interplay between open and closed sequences of spaces."

Eva Guttmann, juror

Haus der Architektur Graz



TYROL

Prize-winner, most house

Building: free-standing

Special aspect: unusual solutions provide closeness to nature, openness, and cost-efficiency

Building footprint: 62 m²

Living space: 90 m²

Architect: günter mohr-architekt

Photos: Wolf Leeb

“Despite its small dimensions this house offers a surprising variety of functions and unconventional solutions. For instance there are two separate dwelling units accessed from outside, the external staircase allows the building to be easily extended, and there is additional storage space in a concrete tube embedded in the slope – which did not require planning permission. This intelligent design offers the users a high additional value despite reasonable building costs. Internally there is a wealth of imaginative spatial and design solutions. In addition to a broad view of the valley full-height window openings also offer surprising glimpses of the wooded slope at the rear. A remarkably well thought-out contribution.”

Andreas Flora, juror

aut. architektur und tirol



VORARLBERG

Prize-winner, conversion of house S.

Building: free-standing

Special aspect: thermal retrofit using regional ecological materials

Building footprint: 137 m²

Living area: 169 m²

Architect: GEORG BECHTER Architektur und Design

Phototos: Georg Bechter, Adolf Bereuter

"A wondrous change. In the post-war period brick-built single-family houses began to appear among the multi-generation timber farmhouses of the Bregenz Forest. This prize-winning house indicates in exemplary fashion the potential that buildings from this epoch offer for adaptations and conversions. The architect undertakes intelligent spatial restructurings and pieces together the interior to create an atmospheric sequence of route and square. The house is given a thermally insulating coat made of straw bales out of which angled window openings are punched that draw light and the landscape deep inside the house. Externally, durable shingles consolidate this successful transformation. From both a formal and ecological viewpoint this alternative to the ubiquitous external wall insulation systems is well worth imitating."

Marina Hämmerle, juror

Vorarlberger Architektur Institut



VIENNA

Prize-winner, Villa W

Building: free-standing

Special aspect: temperature-variable facade cladding as a design element

Building footprint: 233 m²

Living space: 428 m²

Architect: Oskar Leo Kaufmann, Albert Rűf

Photos: Adolf Bereuter

“The light colour of the façade cladding and the forged aluminium screen allow the volume to blend elegantly with its context. The different room heights combined with the open gallery, high-quality materials, diagonal visual connections and vertical spatial relationships create an exciting interior that emanates both generosity and warmth. The wonderfully successful seamless transition between outside and inside conveys a sense of expansiveness. A masterpiece in terms of architecture and, in particular, handcraft. Built for and with a client family willing to engage with good architecture and uninterested in the theatrical presentation of a lifestyle.”

Karoline Mayer, juror

Architekturzentrum Wien



NOMINATIONS / DAS BESTE HAUS 2013:

BURGENLAND

P-K house, Punitz / Pichler & Traupmann Architekten ZT GmbH
House with two courtyards, Markt Allhau / Henke Schreieck Architekten
pöt – addition to a single-family house, Pöttelsdorf / gerner°gerner plus

CARINTHIA

Gunold house, Klagenfurt / Dietger Wissounig

LOWER AUSTRIA

Sonnberg house, Perchtoldsdorf / DI Klaus Moldan
Dr. Nagler house, Poysdorf / burkhardt.bodenwinkler Architekten
Addition to a single-family house, Eichgraben / franz zt gmbh

UPPER AUSTRIA

L house, Kirchberg/Thening / Bogenfeld Architektur
E courtyard house, St. Georgen / Bogenfeld Architektur
Peneder single-family house, Weyregg / LP architektur ZT GmbH

SALZBURG

Hay barn suite, Bruck/Glstr. / meck architekten gmbh
B. and B. house, Zell am See / Atelier Pichelmann | Pichelmann & Co GmbH

STYRIA

R house, Graz / Architekt DI Gerhard Mitterberger
Oberberg house, Oberberg / HoG architektur ZT GmbH

TYROL

Studio and residential building, Umhausen / Architekt DI Erwin Frick
larcher house, Schwaz / Mario Ramoni with riccione architekten

VORARLBERG

House beside a moor, Krumbach / Architekt DI Bernardo Bader
J-T single-family house, Hörbranz / juri troy architects
A house, Rankweil / Cukrowicz Nachbaur Architekten

VIENNA

500m² living room, Vienna / Caramel architekten zt

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