



**CHARTER
AWARD**

CATEGORY
Best District Plan

FIRM NAME
David M. Schwarz
Architects, Inc.

SITE
Fort Worth, Texas



SUNDANCE SQUARE

Cow Town Builds a
Vibrant, Urban Center

Alongside its neighbors, Dallas and Arlington, the city of Fort Worth represents a part of the largest metropolitan area in the south. With roughly six million residents within an hour of downtown, the design of Fort Worth's city center was in dire need of an update from its industrial, isolating 1980s-style. Charter Awards juror Jeff Speck praises the way David M. Schwarz Architects "managed to create an entire district of real, walkable urbanism in the heart of a driving city."

One of the most important criteria for the reorganization of Fort Worth was to utilize downtown's potential for nightlife and transform it into a competitive space for retail, dining, and entertainment. In order to meet these goals, street parking was extended and made free on nights, weekends, and holidays. Bleak, windowless facades were reworked into friendly structures that no longer turn their backs on the public. A performing arts center and library were constructed with grand, modern details in order to engage the community with its architecture. Art galleries and open

public spaces also serve to encourage visitors and residents alike to stick around after hours and experience all that Fort Worth has to offer.

In an interesting approach to market research, the master planner decided to advertise not-yet-designed residential buildings in the central district - and when telephones started ringing off the hook, it was evident that there were more opportunities than previously thought. Though many southerners are drawn to the idea of vast, private land, this guerrilla research proved that in growing cities, interest in urban living will always be viable.

Over the course of the last couple decades, David M. Schwarz Architecture and the local government have collaborated to transform downtown Fort Worth from a bulky series of parking garages into a warm, inviting public space deserving of the name "Sundance Square." Hopefully, these positive changes will continue to convince others of what Jeff Speck has already noticed - that "Texans are human after all."

DMSAS HONORED WITH CNU CHARTER AWARD FOR SUNDANCE SQUARE



The Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU) has chosen David M. Schwarz Architects as the recipient of this year's Charter Award - Best District Plan in recognition of our work in Sundance Square in Fort Worth, TX. We want to thank our client, Sundance Square, whose dedication to the growth and development of downtown Fort Worth has enabled us, over more than 25 years, to design an urban environment worthy of this award.

Charter Awards are given annually to a select number of winners who are recognized for fulfilling and advancing the principles of the Charter of CNU. Charter Awards Jury Chair Jeff Speck specifically applauded the way in which David M. Schwarz Architects "managed to create an entire district of real, walkable urbanism in the heart of a driving city."



We would also like to thank you for all the kind words you sent in reply to our announcement of the award. We appreciate your continued support and encouragement. Here below is one of many we received:

"Congratulations, this is a great honor for each of you. I personally could not be happier for you all to be our chosen architects. I know in our city we are so excited with the work Michael and his entire team have done designing a city center that has more than exceeded our expectations. Everyday our citizens are commenting on how beautiful our new city hall is going to be. I too feel as though we are erecting an edifice that will continue to be classic and timeless into our next century." *Congratulations, Donald Mitchell, Alpharetta City Council Member*

If you would like to learn more about the other 2014 honorees or CNU, please visit the [CNU website](#).

DMSAS INTERNS RECEIVE CNU GRAND PRIZE



Current DMSAS Intern Architect Mark Elliot and former DMSAS employee Julian Goldman won the Academic Grand Prize at the 2014 CNU Charter Awards for their designs for the rehabilitation of Philadelphia's 30th Street Station completed as part of their coursework at the University of Maryland.

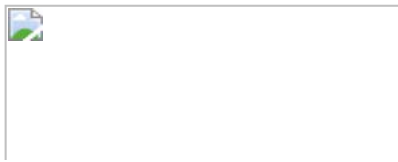
Their project reimagines the west bank of the

Schuylkill River in Philadelphia as a vibrant, mixed use neighborhood. The rail yards of historic 30th Street Station and riverfront Interstate 76 are built over, mitigating site challenges in a realistic way to repair the urban fabric. A new riverfront esplanade, public square celebrating the train station, and urban park opening to views across the river, give identity to this new district that connects West Philadelphia to Center City.

Juror Will Bruder noted that their proposal "...was the most professionally presented 'un-built' work in the competition...Their plan, in its organization and depth of visual richness, is a standout example of contemporary thinking."

CCMC TOP 50 IN NATION

We would like to congratulate our friends at Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth for placing in the top 50 in seven out of 10 specialties as scored by U.S. News and World Report's **recent**



PROJECT UPDATES



The Woodley Sets Record

The recently completed The Woodley apartment building set a record last month when TIAA-CREF purchased the building from The JBG Companies for \$195 million, the highest price per unit ever paid for a multifamily project in the DC region. With 212 units, that sets the average unit price around \$920,000. The Woodley sits just off Connecticut Ave, immediately adjacent to the Marriott Wardman Park and a short walk from the Woodley Park Metro.



The Pennsylvania Building Set to Open

With the canopy now in place and furniture arriving daily, we are preparing to celebrate the completion of the Pennsylvania Building at 1275 Pennsylvania Ave, NW with our clients at Willco.





News and News Reports [Recent ranking of the best children's hospitals](#) in the country. U.S. News surveyed 183 pediatric centers and asked 150 pediatric specialists in each category where they would send their sickest patients. CCMC was among our first clients in Texas and we are proud to have continued to work with them for over 25 years.

AIA|DC PRESIDENTIAL CHALLENGE

DMSAS Director Sean Nohelty, AIA is serving as the 100th President of AIA|DC (Washington, D.C. Chapter of the American Institute of Architects). The DC Chapter has a rich history of service to our community and the creation of the Washington Architectural Foundation (WAF) in 1988 was one of the Chapter's finest moments. In celebration of this rich history, Sean issued a challenge, announced at the Garden Party in early June: For each of the first 100 new donors to the Washington Architectural Foundation during his tenure as President this year, he will personally match that gift 100%, dollar for dollar. If you are interested in helping to secure the future of WAF and its programs benefiting our community, and to see your generosity doubled through this challenge, you can make a gift at www.wafonline.org and click "Donate Today".

THE SMITH CENTER HITS ONE MILLION



Congratulations to The Smith Center for the Performing Arts on celebrating its one millionth visitor last month during a run of the Broadway musical "Book of Mormon." During the weeks leading up to the milestone, The Smith Center, which opened in downtown Las Vegas in March 2012, asked patrons to share their favorite moments of their visits by using #SmithCenterMoments on Instagram and Twitter. A collection of the submissions is available on [The Smith Center's website](#).

DMSAS RECEIVES AWARD FOR

SCHERMERHORN

Schermerhorn Symphony Center, designed by DMSAS for the Nashville Symphony Orchestra, is a 2014 recipient of a Tucker Design Award from the Building Stone Institute. The Building Stone Institute commenced their biennial Tucker Design Awards program in 1977 to celebrate "the innovation and vision that designers bring to their projects through the specification and use of natural stone materials."



Principal Craig Williams traveled to Chicago to receive the award on behalf of DMSAS. You can learn more about the awards festivities and Craig's trip in his recent [travelogue post for Parchment](#).

SUNDANCE SQUARE NAMED BEST IN CLASS

The Brick Industry Association has selected Sundance Square as a Best in Class winner in the 2014 Brick in Architecture Awards. Sundance was awarded top honors in the Commercial category. 2014 marked the 25th anniversary of the BIA Awards, which honor outstanding design of projects in which clay brick comprises at least 50% of the exterior

Alpharetta Powers Up
Progress continues on the construction of Alpharetta City Hall. The building was dried-in in mid-April, and permanent power was connected at the beginning of July. The targeted date for Substantial Completion has slid back a bit, mainly due to this year's unusual and extreme winter weather, and is now expected by mid-November. Much of the masonry facade is now in place, and is looking quite handsome.



Cassidy Nears Completion
Construction on the Cassidy Building exterior continues for the next month with completion scheduled for early August. The Bridge metal panels between the C1 & C2 facades become the last major architectural element to be installed on the exterior of the building. Interior finishes for the Main Lobby, Offices and Residential Penthouse Units continue ongoing construction until early September.



Grocery Coming to Southlake

Our Trader Joe's building at Southlake is quickly taking shape. Exterior work is due to be completed this summer with the store opening planned for later this year. Trader Joe's will be the first grocery store at Southlake Town Square.

or projects in which they often complete construction of the exterior building or paving material.



GINGERTOWN 2014 THEME ANNOUNCED

It is never too soon to start thinking about the next [Gingertown](#), and our team has been hard at work getting ready for the 2014 builds. This year, teams in DC, Dallas and Nashville will be working with an American West-themed plan. Drawing inspiration from the Fort Worth Stockyards, Tombstone and other well-known western cities, the DMSAS elves have begun laying out streets - stay tuned for more information in the coming months!

POPULAR ON PARCHMENT

Craig's afore mentioned [travelogue](#) isn't the only great new content on Parchment. Be sure to check out other recent posts and share your thoughts on other topics you might like to see covered.

Inspired by a post on local news site *DCist*, our staff shared some of their favorite buildings in our hometown of Washington, DC in [this list](#).

We also [recapped a party](#) we threw in Las Vegas during ICSC RECon in celebration of the newly-open LINQ across the Strip from Caesars Palace.

Be sure to check back often for new posts - we have some great stuffed lined up!

GREGORY HOSS JUDGES DESIGN AWARDS

This spring, DMSAS Principal Gregory Hoss joined three architectural colleagues on the jury of the 2014 Residential Architect Design Awards, a program hosted by *Residential Architect* magazine. Over two days, the jury combed through more than 700 entries, ultimately naming only 26 winners. More information on the 2014 awards and Gregory's fellow jurors is [available here](#).

KATIE GARRETT & KYLE VEATER NAMED TO SMPS DC BOARD

At the annual summer celebration last month, Director of Communications Katie Garrett and Marketing Assistant Kyle Veater were elected to the Board of the Society for Marketing Professional Services DC Chapter. Katie, who previously served on the Board as Chair of Special Events, will serve as President-Elect. Kyle joins as Co-Chair of PR & Communications. While planning for the next program year has already begun, their terms officially start on September one.

STEVE HORWITZ AT THE WORLD CUP



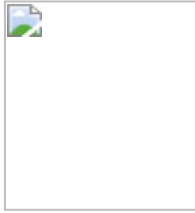
DMSAS Intern Architect Steve Horwitz recently traveled to Brazil, the location of this year's FIFA World Cup. Not only was he lucky enough to attend two exciting futbol matches (France vs Switzerland and Germany vs Portugal, for those in the know), Steve also

explored the colonial heart of Salvador called Pelourinho and the development of the lower class housing communities called "favelas." Not a common place for people to visit, Salvador offered a great place to experience old colonial architecture, beautiful beaches, popular street food, and a vibrant community which draws from its Portuguese and African cultures.



CHRIS TEIGEN WELCOMES SECOND CHILD

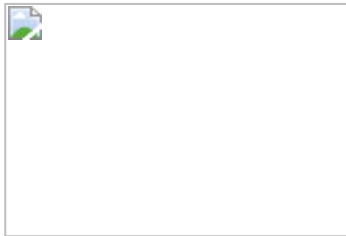
On May 7, DMSAS Architect Chris Teigen and his wife Jamie welcomed their second son, Patrick James. Weighing in at 8 lbs 11 oz, Patrick joins older brother Nathan.



NEW HIRE

DMSAS is pleased to announce the hiring of Angelina Gonzalez, who joined the firm in late May. Originally from Baltimore, Angelina grew up in Mexico City, where she says her great love of architecture first began. Angelina graduated from Carnegie Mellon University in May 2012, where she was one of 15 students to work on the Puriflume project (a mobile, proof-of-concept, closed-loop water filtration system that features elements commonly found in a municipal spray park).

ISAAC BONILLA WEDS



On May 25, DMSAS Intern Architect Isaac Bonilla wed Camila Breyer de Frietas at Stonewall Golf Club in Gainesville, Virginia. The couple plans to honeymoon in Spain and Portugal this October.

DMSAS STAFF DOMINATES THE LANES

For this year's annual staff party, we took over a section at Lucky Strike in Chinatown and let our competitive sides shine through in an afternoon of bowling. While only competing for pride and bragging rights, we nevertheless had some friendly rivalries going between the lanes. Chairman of the Board Tom Greene ended up taking the top spot, bowling a 165 in his best set, with Associate Jon Zubiller coming in second with 148 and Marketing Assistant Kyle Veater rounding out the top three with a 138.

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Dear Readers,

We welcome your feedback and comments to our newsletter. Submissions can be sent to newsletter@dmsas.com for potential inclusion in our next edition!

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