

2012 CURRY STONE PRIZE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

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THE LITERS OF LIGHT PROJECT INEXPENSIVELY ILLUMINATES DARK HOUSES IN THE PHILIPPINES.

The annual Curry Stone Prize, which honors design for social change, has shaken up its awards program this year. Previously laurels went to a Grand Prize winner, leaving several teams as runners-up. But in recognition of Curry Stone's fifth cycle, this year five winners will equally share the prize, including a cash award of \$25,000 each. Announced this week, the 2012 winners are: **Center for Urban Pedagogy**, aka CUP (Brooklyn, New York); **Liter Of Light** (Manila, Philippines); **MASS Design** (Boston, MA); **Riwaq** (Ramallah, Palestine); and **Jeanne van Heeswijk** (Rotterdam, Netherlands).

Once again the Curry Stone Foundation has teamed up with **Harvard's Graduate School of Design** to create a larger educational event around the awards ceremony, which takes place at the GSD on November 15. The day following the winning teams will deliver presentations on their work and participate in panel discussions that are free and open to the public.

Some winners will be familiar to those in the architecture and design world—MASS Design, for example, has received previous accolades and coverage for projects like the redesign of a hospital in the Burera District of Rwanda and has gone on to establish collaborations with NGOs—while other organizations have been initiating change at a local grassroots level: Brooklyn-based CUP facilitates communication on community issues by collaborating with artists and designers; Liter of Light offers inexpensive alternatives to electricity in informal settlements in the Philippines; Riwaq documents and preserves Palestinian culture through restoration projects; Jeanne Van Heeswijk gained attention for recasting derelict areas in Dutch cities into dynamic public spaces. Joseph Grima, Elvira Dyangani Ose, Teddy Cruz, and Clifford Curry, who founded the prize with Delight Stone in 2008, served as the 2012 jury.

Read more about the five winners:

CUP, Liter of Light, MASS Design, Riwaq, Jeanne van Heeswijk