

John Patkau CM MAIBC

Principal



John founded Patkau Architects with Patricia in 1978. He is responsible for directing the activities of the firm, and jointly with Patricia, for providing design leadership throughout each project from inception to completion.

John is one of North America's foremost designers. His contributions to the practice of architecture have been recognized by numerous awards including the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada Gold Medal for lifetime achievement and Membership in the Order of Canada for significant contribution to Canadian culture. Internationally, he has also been made an Honorary Fellow of both the American Institute of Architects and the Royal Institute of British Architects.

As a design leader at Patkau Architects, John has instigated and developed the design of a wide variety of project types for a diverse range of clients in Canada, the United States, Europe and the Middle-East. Current projects include the Goldring Centre for High Performance Sport at the University of Toronto, the School of Art Building at the University of Manitoba, Mishrifah Villa in Ad'Diriyyah, Saudi Arabia, the Fort York National Historic Site Visitor Centre, Toronto and Cottages at Fallingwater, Bear Run, Pennsylvania.

Professional Affiliations

Registered Architect in British Columbia, New York, Pennsylvania and Washington

NCARB Certification

LEED Accredited Professional

Honorary Fellow, Royal Institute of British Architects

Honorary Fellow, American Institute of Architects

Member, Royal Canadian Academy of Arts

Fellow, Royal Architectural Institute of Canada

Academic

Master of Architecture, University of Manitoba, 1972

Bachelor of Environmental Studies
University of Manitoba, 1969

Bachelor of Arts, University of Manitoba, 1969

Symposia

Plenary Speaker, the guardian Hay Festival, Segovia, Spain.

Plenary Speaker, Sustenta America, Chilean Association of Architectural Offices, Santiago, Chile.

Plenary Speaker, 7th International Alvar Aalto Symposium, Jyvaskla, Finland

Plenary Speaker, New Zealand Institute of Architects National Conference, Auckland, New Zealand

Plenary Speaker, Royal Architectural Institute of Scotland National Conference, Edinburgh, Scotland

Plenary Speaker, Schwer Punkt Holz, Murau, Austria

Lectures

Guest lecturer at over 50 institutions including Harvard University, Yale University, University College Dublin, Manchester Master Series, University of California at Los Angeles, Architecture League of New York, Colegio de Arquitectos de Catalunya, Architectural Association, London, and Royal Institute of British Architects.

Teaching

Eero Saarinen Visiting Professor, Yale University, 2009

Raymond E. Moritz Distinguished Visiting Professor
Washington University (St. Louis), 1998

Eliot Noyes Professor of Architecture
Harvard University Graduate School of Design, 1995

William Lyon Somerville Visiting Lectureship
University of Calgary, 1994

Thesis and studio critic at the University of British Columbia, 1985-1995

Public Service

Member, Vancouver League for Studies in Architecture, 1998 to 2004

Member, Vancouver Urban Design Panel, 1990-1992

Juror in numerous international design competitions including the American Institute of Architects Educational Facilities Awards, American Wood Council Awards, Canada Council Awards, Canadian Architect Awards, Canadian Wood Council Awards, and the World Architecture Festival Awards