

Wallpaper*

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In hard times, Wallpaper* celebrates a year of creative highs

Wallpaper*, the international design, fashion and lifestyle magazine, today publishes its Design Awards issue. Eagerly awaited – and traditionally Wallpaper's biggest seller of the year – the issue celebrates a year's worth of brave and beautiful designs, bright ideas, movements and creative shakes from around the world. Winners (and strong contenders) will be lauded and applauded at tonight's sixth annual Wallpaper* Design Awards. A key event in the design calendar, this year Wallpaper* is taking over Vyner Street's Wilkinson Gallery, the standout space on East London's contemporary art strip, for a unique presentation of the winning entries and some well-earned, well-lubricated laps of honour.

This year's awards include a roll-call of Best Domestic Designs, Best Retreat, Best Spa, the finest fashion collections for 2010, the year's most promising building sites, as well as more unusual ticklers of the magazine's fancy – Best Camping, Best-Lit Loos, Best Girls/Blouse, Best Turn-On, Best Toy and Best Cork Tease. And Wallpaper* is letting one award-winner out of the bag early: despite Wall Street's near meltdown, **the city of the year is New York!**

The February issue also includes a special 14-page section on this year's super-charged judging panel, who bang our biggest gongs, the highly prized Judges' Awards, including Best New Restaurant, Best New Private House, Best New Public Building, Furniture Designer of the Year and Life-Enhancer of the Year.

It includes unique portraits of our six-strong jury:

- Spanish auteur, **Pedro Almodóvar**
- LA's interior design queen, **Kelly Wearstler**
- the architect's architect, **Steven Holl**
- LVMH's star designer, **John Galliano**
- mogul on a mission, **James Murdoch**
- artist and Double Club king, **Carsten Höller**

Following a tough 12 months, the 2010 Design Awards are proof that genuine creativity can survive and prosper.

As Wallpaper* Editor-in-Chief Tony Chambers says: '2009 was a bitch of a year economically – but a great year for design. Hard times are a powerful motivator for creativity. People think harder and produce better things – less chaff, more wheat.'

The Wallpaper* Design Awards party will be held on 14 January 2010 at the Wilkinson Gallery, London E2. The Design Awards issue of Wallpaper*, in association with HTC – the quietly brilliant technology firm – is on sale from 14 January and will be promoted with special displays in selected travel and retail outlets worldwide.

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ABOUT WALLPAPER*

Truly international, consistently intelligent and hugely influential, Wallpaper* is the world's most important design and lifestyle magazine. It has attracted the most sophisticated global audience by constantly pushing into new creative territories and ensuring its coverage of everything from architecture to motoring, fashion to travel, and interiors to jewellery remains unrivalled. Wallpaper* has readers in 93 countries and has enjoyed unparalleled success in reaching the design elite right across the globe. To us, the world is one seamless marketplace, where consumers flit from one destination to the next, easily cross physical borders and cultural divides, and flirt with a variety of different brands, both established and undiscovered. With 12 themed issues a year, and a limited-edition cover by a different artist or designer each month, Wallpaper* has evolved from style bible to internationally recognised brand.

Innovation / Brand-Building Initiative of the Year – Wallpaper's Made in China issue

British Society of Magazine Editors Awards 2009

Best New Editor of the Year – Tony Chambers

British Society of Magazine Editors Awards 2008

Best Designed Magazine of the Year – Wallpaper*

'Wallpaper* continues to innovate with page after page of just stunning design. The most restrained, considered magazine in this category. A triumph.'

The judges, Press Gazette Magazine Design and Journalism Awards 2008