

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Distinguished Bybee Prize Awarded to Lawrence Halprin

Itasca, Illinois, May 19, 2006 – Building Stone Institute, one of the country's oldest natural stone trade associations, announced today the James Daniel Bybee Prize for 2006 has been awarded to Lawrence Halprin, FASLA, in honor of the legacy of his work and his excellence in the use of natural stone. Halprin will receive his award at the Tucker Design Awards ceremony, May 19, at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco, California.

For over 50 years, Lawrence Halprin has expanded our expectations in architectural landscaping design and the environmental realm, making him one of the world's leading landscape architects and environmental planners. Halprin's work is marked by his focus on citizen participation, user experience, and the very human scale of his projects. Some of his best known projects include the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial (Washington, D.C.), Ghirardelli Square (San Francisco), Seattle's Freeway Park, and Portland's Lovejoy Fountain and Open Space Sequence. His current projects include the Tucker Award winning Stern Grove Concert Facility (San Francisco), and a new approach to Yosemite Falls in Yosemite National Park.

Bill Thompson, FASLA, Editor in Chief of *Landscape Architecture* has written, "It is Lawrence Halprin's democratic identification with the people who build his landscapes and those who use them that is crucial to the building of great landscapes." Halprin's numerous awards and honors include the 2005 Michelangelo Award, 2003 ASLA Design Medal, 2002 National Medal of Arts, 2000 Presidential Award for Design Excellence, as well as the Thomas Jefferson Medal in Architecture, and the Gold Medal for Distinguished Achievement, both awarded by the American Institute of Architects. He has received a presidential appointment to the first National Council on the Arts and to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. He is a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects, the American Institute of Interior Design, and the American Academy of Arts and Science. He has received honorary doctorates from the University of Pennsylvania and the California College of Arts and Crafts.

More telling than all of the awards and honors however, is the rich legacy of the work Lawrence Halprin has created. It is a body of work which thousands of people across the country experience and enjoy every day.

About the Bybee Prize

Named in honor of James Daniel Bybee, a long standing member of Building Stone Institute (BSI), the Bybee Prize is awarded to an individual architect for a body of work executed over time and distinguished by outstanding design and the use of natural stone. Past winners have included Cesar Pelli, Malcolm Holzman, and Paul Frieberg.

[MORE](#)

Distinguished Bybee Prize Awarded to Lawrence Halprin continued

PAGE 2

About Building Stone Institute

Founded in 1919, Building Stone Institute (BSI) is a not-for-profit trade association working on behalf of member quarriers, fabricators, dealers, importers, exporters, carvers, restorers, designers, and installers working with natural stone. BSI provides educational programs and resources to its members enabling them to offer the highest level of quality natural stone products and services, while emphasizing to end users the many benefits of designing with natural stone.

###

For information/interview/photographs please contact:

Connie Kitzinger
Building Stone Institute
Toll-free: (800) 786-6313
ckitzinger@buildingstoneinstitute.org
www.buildingstoneinstitute.org