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ISFD Announces Winners of the 3rd Annual INNOVATION + DESIGN Maker/Designer Juried Competition

High Point, NC, Sept. 23, 2022 — Forty-nine professional and student finalists vied for the honor of being named a Category or Best of Show winner in the highly competitive [International Society of Furniture Designers \(ISFD\)](#) 3rd annual [INNOVATION + DESIGN](#) home furnishings competition. The winners were recognized at the “Meet the Designers” awards celebration held at 401 W. English on the Campus of Congdon Yards in High Point, on Thursday, Sept. 22.



This furniture industry sponsored juried competition and exhibition was open to professional designers who make their own products and the next generation of serious woodworking students who are anticipating a career in the custom wood and related home furnishings industries. The finalists’ projects were also creatively photographed by 17 area photographers participating in the INNOVATION + DESIGN’s People’s Choice photographic competition and will be voted on by the exhibition visitors through Oct. 26. The photography winners will be announced at a live celebration co-hosted with Theater Art Galleries (TAG) on Oct. 13th from 5-7 pm also at 401 W. English.

“I want to thank the very talented designers for sharing their highly imaginative creations with us, the judges who were tasked with the challenging job of selecting the incredible winners and the photographers who stepped up to the challenge to shoot the projects in an extraordinary manner,” stated John Conrad, executive director of ISFD. “It is so exciting to see how much this event has grown over the past three years. Our plan is to continue to expand INNOVATION + DESIGN each year and to continue to make it a highly coveted furniture-award that recognizes High Point as the design capital in not only the industry and our community but also worldwide.”

Following the awards celebration, the INNOVATION + DESIGN winners’ and finalists’ projects will be on display Thursdays and Fridays from 3-7 pm and Saturdays noon-7 pm at 401 W. English until Oct. 22 and then during Market 8am-5pm through Oct. 26. Here, the designs will be viewed by thousands of citizens living in the Greensboro, High Point and Winston-Salem, North

Carolina area as well as High Point Market attendees. As a bonus, on Oct. 22 from 3-6 pm, ISFD will host a reception where industry executives, designers and merchants will be on hand to review the finalists' projects for potential production opportunities.

Category winners:

- Professional Accessories – Justin Stabb, *Tetra Illuminated Wall System*
- Professional Dining Room – Brian Boggs, *Crescent Table*
- Professional Occasional Tables – Erika Cross, *Anvil*
- Professional Seating – Christopher Martin, *Makowa Chair*
- Professional Lighting – Ryan Nicholson, *Yamadera (Mountain Shrine)*
- Student Accessories - Yingxin Gong, *3L Side Table*
- Student Seating – Jiayan Li, *“Cove” (from Anicca Collection)*
- Student Occasional Storage - Matthew Carr, *Vice Box*
- Student Occasional Tables – Milan Bhullar, *Hooked On! Table*
- Student Lighting - Brianna Cappelli, *Solace: Chandeliers*

Best of Show winners:

- Professional Best of Show – Brian Boggs, *Cio Arm Chair*
- Student Best of Show – Stephen Thrasher, *Kagome Woven Wood Table*

The winners of the INNOVATION + DESIGN competition received cash prizes of \$250-\$1000 for professional and student levels. Best of show winners received Congdon Yards Generator gift cards to work on any project of their choice. Plus, as an added bonus, this year's finalists will be interviewed for the international podcast, *Design Between the Lines*, and the winners will be featured in industry publications.

INNOVATION + DESIGN 2022 is supported by [ISFD](#), and partners: [Alderman Company](#), [Bienenstock Furniture Library](#), [Congdon Yards](#), [Furniture Today](#), [High Point Market Authority](#), [IFDA](#), [International Market Centers](#), [Packaging Center Inc](#), [Phillips Collection](#), [Theatre Art Galleries](#), [HPXD](#), The Earl and Kathryn Congdon Family Foundation and [Visit High Point](#).

Photos of the winning and finalists projects can be downloaded by visiting [ISFD INNOVATION + DESIGN 2022 photos](#). (Sharefile will be updated with the winner's photos in a separate folder)

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