

Choi Design Partners

David Duhahn Choi, AIA
President and Principal-in-charge of design

SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Founder of Choi Design Partners, his professional experience includes numerous award winning projects in North America and the Middle East. Choi Design combines three important elements: power, beauty and soul. Choi Designs are truly special—they always have been and always will be. Where do you want to take your vision? Our tools, talent and processes help clients to explore, evolve, and expand their ambitions; we view each project as a unique and unprecedented opportunity, requiring its own set of specialized solutions to address its complexity. We are strategic and creative thinkers. Our team of designers, engineers, economists, and architects are ready to collaborate with clients who serve humanity.

His design solutions address the unique context and requirements of each project and site, while reflecting the specific needs, concerns and goals of the Client. He has written and lectured widely on the significance of culturally and environmentally responsive architecture.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

- 2006 Spring* **Winner: Edge as Center Competition, envisioning the post-industrial Landscape.** International Urban Design Competition sponsored by **BSA** (*Boston Society of Architects at the Boston Chapter of AIA*)
- 2004 Spring* **Groen Hoek Competition Jury Selection Exhibition, Feb. ~ April 2004.** International Competition sponsored by **AIANY - ENYA** (*Emerging New York Architects at the New York Chapter of AIA*)
- 2003 fall* **Top Prize for the St. Mark's Coptic Canadian Village Competition** International Competition sponsored by St. Mark's Coptic Church of Toronto.
- 2002 Spring* **Finalist for the Burnham Prize Competition** International Competition sponsored by the Chicago Architecture Club for the design of the new Spertus Institute.
- 2000 fall* **First Prize for the New Millennium Coptic Church Design Competition.** International Competition sponsored by the Virgin Mary and St. Pakhomious Coptic Orthodox Church of Lower Hudson Valley.

PUBLICATIONS AND EXHIBITIONS

- Boston Globe:** *"THE REVITALIZATION OF BRICKBOTTOM," front page article of the Real Estate Section describing the Urban Design competition, June 24, 2006*
- COMPETITIONS:** *Feature article on St. Mark's Coptic Church Competition, Summer/Spring Issue 2004*
- AIANY - ENYA:** *Emerging New York Architects at the New York Chapter of AIA, Groen Hoek Competition Jury Selection Exhibition, Feb. ~ April 2004.*
- CONCEPT:** *Describing CDP's (CHOIDESIGN+Partners') winning Competition Design for St. Mark's Coptic Church of Toronto, Dec.2003.*
- Globe and Mail:** *"From wasteland to worship," front page article of the Real Estate Section describing the St. Mark's Coptic Church Competition, Oct. 31st, 2003.*
- Architectural Record:** *Describing BDC's winning Competition Design of the New American University in Cairo, October, 2000.*
- New York Times:** *Describing BDC's winning Competition Design of the New American University in Cairo, September 2000.*

EDUCATION

HARVARD UNIVERSITY Graduate School of Design
Masters in Architecture I, class of 2000

BENNINGTON COLLEGE
B.A. in Architecture, class of 1996

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Major Commissions (chronological):

2006 Spring ~present **Brickbottom Master Plan, Somerville, Massachusetts**
Design for a 26 acre parcel of underutilized industrial zone in the Metro-Boston suburb of Somerville. The master plan involves introduction of 900 new residential units with an estimate of \$600 million for construction.

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- 2004 Spring ~present* **Dungan Residence in The Plains, Northern Virginia:**
Design for a 12,000 plus square feet private home, situated within a 100 acre property. Inspired by English Cotswold villages, the house is comprised of six building masses. Responsible for the highest quality in both design and execution of architecture.
- 2004 Spring ~present* **WELLSPACE, Inc.:**
Architect for largest Complimentary and Alternative Medicine Center in the Northeast. Renovation of existing 15,000 square feet Wellness facility (acupuncture, homeopathy, message, chiropractic); including 3000 square feet second story addition. Proposed cost-effective design solutions to convert an existing condition into a high-end spa interior.
- 2003 Fall* **St. Mark's Coptic Canadian Village Master Plan**
International Competition sponsored by St. Mark's Coptic Church of Toronto for a 500,000 s.f. church campus build-out on 13 acres site. The project includes a cathedral for 2,000 congregants, Bishop and Papal housing, retirement homes for 500, a Coptic Learning Center, a Gymnasium and a convention center.
- 2002 - 2003* **The Smith Residence, Big Sky, Montana**
Situated 9,000 feet above sea level, the 10,000 plus square feet private home features a clear view of a world class ski valley. Total construction budget: 3.7 million dollars. Responsibilities included: Bidding and Negotiation; Documentation and administration of construction; Monthly site visits; Project scheduling; Prepare change orders.
- 2000 - 2002* **Kenyon College Athletic Center, Gambier, Ohio**
250,000 square feet of comprehensive fitness facility for a private college. The building contains activity spaces for track and field, recreational and tournament basketball arenas, four tennis courts, and an Olympic size swimming pool. All inclusive Project budget of 64 million dollars.
- 2000 - 2002* **Osceola County High School, Celebration, Florida**
54 Acres, 234,000 s.f. high school for 2,000 students in the planned town of Celebration, central Florida. The campus, located in the heart of Celebration, is part of New Urbanism in Florida. Designer of the project at various levels including master planning, comprehensive elevations, and all materials selections. As the design architect, responsibilities included: supervision of the local architect of record; site visits and construction administration

1999 - 2000

American University in Cairo (AUC)

Master plan project for a new 260-acre campus in New Cairo. Awarded first prize and recommended for the master-planning phase of new campus development. With several consultant offices working internationally on the master plan documents, a successful collaboration required a systematic exchange of electronic data; advancing collaboration through digital media.

1999 - 2004

KOÇ University, Istanbul, Turkey

The master plan for a 200 acre university and 1,000,000 GSF of buildings consisting of student center, library, administration building, business school, science building, school of humanities, school of engineering, gymnasium, student dining facilities, 19 student dormitories for 900 students, 102 faculty housing units, day care center, president's house, infirmary, fire house, guard house, central plant, and service building. The Koç Meydan is designed to be the hub of College life. Its focus is the "Portal of Light" which is oriented to the east and symbolizes the role of Turkey as the gateway between east and west and the university as the gateway of knowledge.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2002 fall - present

Boston Architectural Center

Second year Master's level Architectural Studio Instructor

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY Graduate School of Design

Teaching Assistant

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

- Massachusetts Lic. Number: 20179
- Virginia Lic. Number: 013405
- NCARB ([National Council of Architectural Registration Boards](#)) Number: 88581
- American Institute of Architects: 30175122