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Restaurateur Bill Chait joins Design Jury for 2016 AIALA Restaurant Design Awards Registration to Enter extended to April 15

April 5, 2016 (Los Angeles) -- The AIALA is honored to announce that Bill Chait will serve on the AIALA 2016 Restaurant Design Awards (RDAs) jury.

Prestigious, prolific, and inventive, Chait's influence as a restaurateur is as innovative as it is extensive. Amongst highlights is the groundbreaking, nationally-acclaimed LA pop-up restaurant Test Kitchen, created by Chait in 2010. More recently, during his tenure as the former Managing Partner of Sprout LA, Chait collaborated with an array of chefs to produce restaurants such as Bestia with chefs Ori Menashe and Genevieve Gergis, Petty Cash and Republique with Walter and Margarita Manzke, and Otium with Chef Timothy Hollingsworth. He is the founder of Louise's Trattoria, which hosts locations in four states, and developed concepts for eateries that include Angel City Grill.

Entering its twelfth year, the AIALA RDAs showcase design in three categories--Restaurants; Cafe/Bars; Lounge/Nightclubs. Design at all scales is celebrated; previous winners range from elegant outposts of farm-to-table cuisine to refurbished neighborhood watering holes. The program is open for entry by designers, architects and restaurateurs.

Register to enter by April 15 at 4:00PM or find out additional info by [clicking here](#).

Or cut and paste this url: <http://tinyurl.com/enter-2016-RDAs>

Chait joins a multi-disciplinary jury of figures from the Los Angeles design and food communities.

- **Frank Clementi, AIA, partner at Rios Clementi Hale Studios** has spent his professional lifetime exploring the ways various design disciplines inform one another. He is responsible for some of the firm's most creative designs for theaters, parks, offices, child care centers, residences, and products.
- The **founder of Preen, Inc, Alexis Readinger, Assoc. AIA**, has designed, consulted on and assisted in on over 100 projects, primarily in the hospitality sector.
- Pieces by the **Los Angeles food writer Valentina Silva** have been featured in *The Guardian*, *Conde Nast Traveler*, *Vice Munchies*, *LAist*, and *The Eastsider LA*. She is the founder of Eastside Food Bites.

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Bill Chait

Bill Chait has been involved in the restaurant industry for more than 25 years during which time he has developed and operated several successful restaurant concepts. Bill is the founder of a multi-unit restaurant operation, Louise's Trattoria, with locations in Southern California, Wisconsin, Washington DC and Maryland. His restaurant concepts have included Angel City Grill, The Beverly Restaurant and Market and Louise's Italian Kitchen. In 2010, he created the nationally acclaimed LA pop-up restaurant Test Kitchen, which pioneered an exciting new concept in dining featuring world renowned guest chefs and budding culinary talent.

Chait is the former Managing Partner of Sprout LA, a restaurant collaboration with leading chefs whose projects include restaurants such as Bestia with chefs Ori Menashe and Genevieve Gergis, Petty Cash and Republique with Walter and Margarita Manzke, Otium with Chef Timothy Hollingsworth, Redbird with chef Neal Fraser and managing partner Amy Knoll, and The Rose with chef Jason Neroni. Chait and his restaurants have been featured in The New York Times, Bon Appetit, Los Angeles Magazine, and Bloomberg Financial and many additional publications.



Frank Clementi, AIA, Partner, Rios Clementi Hale Studios

Frank Clementi, AIA, partner at Rios Clementi Hale Studios, has spent his professional lifetime exploring the ways various design disciplines inform one another. He is responsible for some of the firm's most creative designs for theaters, parks, offices, child care centers, residences, and products. Among projects he spearheaded are Sunset Triangle Plaza, Hollywood & Vine Metro Station and Plaza, Austin City Limits, and renovation of the Mark Taper Forum. Frank is a member of the City of Los Angeles Mayor's Design Advisory Committee. He is a board member and adjunct professor at Woodbury School of Architecture, and has taught for more than 20 years at institutions like USC, Art Center College of Design, and UNLV. Frank received his Bachelor in Architecture from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.



Alexis Readinger, Assoc. AIA, Founder, Preen, Inc.

Alexis Readinger is a designer based in Los Angeles' Chinatown. She founded Preen, Inc. in 2005. Originally from Texas, she moved to California to complete a Masters in Architecture and has been designing hospitality spaces since 1999. She has designed, consulted on and assisted in on over 100 projects, primarily in the hospitality sector.

Prior to hatching Preen, she designed for Dodd Mitchell, for Thomas Schoos and for Kanner Architects on fifty or so local and international hotel, restaurant, retail and residential projects. She is a LEED certified Green Building Advisor (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design). She holds a Master's degree in Architecture from UCLA '99 and a B.A. from Vanderbilt University '96. She serves on the board of the Chung King Road Association and on the board of the Chinatown Business Council. She is committed to healthy, integrated growth in Chinatown and to just and joyful business everywhere.



Valentina Silva, Los Angeles Food Writer

Valentina Silva is a native Angeleno and a Los Angeles-based food writer. Her pieces on new restaurants, chefs, and the city's shifting food culture have been featured at Los Angeles magazine's Digest blog, The Guardian, Conde Nast Traveler, Vice Munchies, LAist, and The Eastsider LA. She got her start self-publishing her own website Eastside Food Bites in 2010.