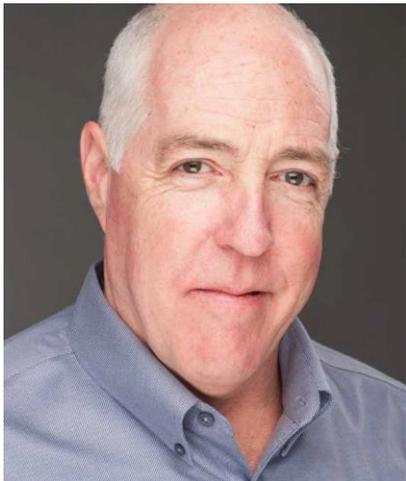


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2014 RI Design Hall of Fame Inductees:



Stephen Durkee

Stephen Durkee founded Durkee Brown Architects in 1994, and by the time he left in 2010, Durkee, Brown, Viveiros, and Werenfels was one of the largest firms in the state and most impactful for the revitalization of Providence. Steve directed the adaptive reuse of 15 historic buildings within the Downtown Providence National Register Historic District. In addition to his architectural legacy, Steve has been committed to mentoring the next generation of architectural designers; no fewer than six architectural firms in Rhode Island were founded by his former employees and mentees. He also boasts a tremendous record of public service and civic engagement: 11-years as Chair of the Providence City Plan Commission, 18 years on the board of the Providence Revolving Fund, past president of AS220, member of the Capital Center Commission, and board member for Grow Smart RI and RIPTA. Steve was one of the principal drafters of the Rhode Island Building Standards Commission's Rehabilitation Code, which changed the way historic buildings

were assessed under building/fire codes. "Steve is a civic tour de force. He greatly influenced the flavor of design in Providence," noted the selection committee, adding, "A lot of the best parts of Providence are because of Steve."



Martin Keen

Martin Keen is an entrepreneurial leader in industrial design and brand building, and an innovator of manufacturing technologies. His design career spans more than two decades focused on two distinct and crowded product categories: footwear and furniture. He is the founder and visionary force behind KEEN Footwear and Focal Upright. Martin entered footwear first in 1989, then furniture in 2012, and made huge waves in both by questioning the status quo. Martin created entirely new categories within each industry, forcing business leaders to respond. KEEN currently has annual revenues over \$300M and is distributed worldwide. Together, KEEN and FocalUpright currently employ over 350 people worldwide. Martin is also a philanthropist: KEEN's Hybrid.Care Foundation has donated over \$7 million to charities worldwide, including the Conservation Alliance, Medicines Global, and the American Red Cross. In Rhode Island, Martin has actively

mentored students at The Met School, volunteered as a guest art teacher in the Jamestown School District, and advised start-up entrepreneurs at Betaspring. "Cutting through constraints is the essence of innovative design, and Martin has changed the footwear industry by drilling down instead of spreading out," said the selection committee. "You can't do much better in terms of impact and prominence."

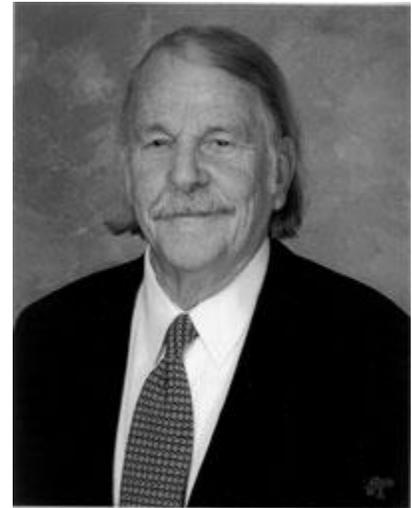
Aidan Petrie

As the Co-founder and Chief Innovation Officer of the product development firm Ximedica, Aidan has built and grown a 25+ year design consultancy that employs over 120 people locally, has a marquee client list and is known on a global level. His career in industrial design has spanned from consumer products such as toys and sporting goods, to the design of over-the-counter health products and fully regulated medical devices. Aidan has been granted and/or applied for over 70 national and international patents. During his three decades at the helm of Ximedica, Aidan has affected significant economic and design impact through his nationally recognized product portfolio. However, the selection committee was most impressed by Aidan's prolific design leadership within the field of industrial design in Rhode Island, noting the "pipeline" of young industrial designers who have worked for Aidan at Ximedica, as well as the number of start-ups that have grown from Aidan's tutelage. He demands innovative problem solving from both his project teams at Ximedica and his design students at RISD, a mentorship influence that has had a tangible impact on the next generation of industrial designers in Rhode Island.



William (Bill) D. Warner

The late Bill Warner was more than an urban designer and architect; he was an iconoclast whose vision and passion, more than anyone else's, propelled the Providence Renaissance. From the late-1950s and the publication of the College Hill Study until his passing in 2012, Bill had an extraordinarily positive and lasting impact on Rhode Island. The influence of his design concept for the state's capital city amounts to a master plan for its regeneration from the early 1980s through the turn of the current century. Bill is best known for urban designs that reshaped the city: WaterPlace Park, Memorial Boulevard, the Downtown skating rink, uncovering and relocating the downtown rivers (and constructing the road and pedestrian bridges that cross those rivers), the tranquil riverwalks, and, perhaps most visibly, the arched bridge that carries Interstate 195 across the Providence River at Fox Point. With such a track record, the selection committee had no doubt, "That's a Hall-of-Famer." They were particularly impressed with Bill's ability to get things done despite the number of bureaucratic hurdles he faced in the process of realizing his design visions. The committee noted that Bill's impact consisted of "changing the face of Rhode island's capital city."



Established in 2014, the RI Design Hall of Fame recognizes proven leaders in the Rhode Island design community for their contributions to the industry on local, national and international levels. It is presented by DESIGNxRI, an organization working to maximize the assets of the RI design community, highlight the breadth of talent in the state, and nurture growth in the sector. Honorees are inducted and celebrated during the annual [DESIGN WEEK RI](#).

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