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OTOGAWA-ANSCHTEL DESIGN-BUILD WINS REMODELING AWARDS

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Continuing to set new standards of creativity and professionalism, Otogawa-Anschel General Contractors and Consultants was honored at the eleventh annual Chrysalis Awards for Remodeling Excellence on June 11th in Atlanta, GA. The awards, sponsored by Qualified Remodeler magazine, Stock Building Supply, Andersen Windows, DuPont Tyvek Homewrap, and Parksite Plunkett-Webster, were presented during the Southern Building Show.

The Chrysalis Awards program, begun in 1994, recognizes the nation's best remodeling work in four regional competitions that encompass the entire US. Judged by editors and writers of Better Homes & Gardens, Woman's Day Special Interest Publications, Southern Living, Sunset, and ArchitectureWeek.com. The winners were selected from over 549 entries from 50 states. The entries were judged on overall design, the creative use of space and materials, and the degree to which the project enhanced the original structure.

This year, Otogawa-Anschel General Contractors and Consultants of Minneapolis, MN won the awards in two categories including "Best Room Remodel" and "Best Specialty Item." According to Ken Kanline, Director of awards, "Winning awards in multiple categories is difficult to do. Not only does this speak to their versatility, but to their commitment to quality on every project."

Best Room Remodel

A library and entertainment room, living room, bedroom, bathroom, and sun-porch were all created inside the 700sf second floor of this South Minneapolis 1934 Bungalow. The flow of the space is what matters most. Partial walls create separate spaces within the open floor plan and the use of colors and angles leads you from one space to the next. Four different wood species, including cherry, maple, birch, and bamboo, were laid to define the floors of these distinct spaces. The three-season porch with gorgeous tile and nine windows, skylights, and a bath complete with a custom-made granite topped vanity and a whirlpool tub surrounded by rich tile all add up to a relaxing retreat in the heart of the city. Ken Kanline, Director of the Awards, says, "To win an award in this highly competitive category is quite an achievement."

Best Specialty Item

What the developers of this Maple Grove town home had left in a state of bland, received an injection of life when Otogawa-Anschel converted a total of ten spaces over a three week process. For a small budget of under \$2K, the entire 2,500sf home was given definition and personality through the use of color. The design combines Tuscan red with more subtle colors in the kitchen, dining area, and living room. Walls leading to the second level are shaded so their edges retain permanent shadow and a large blue wall at the top of the stairway acts as a filter to the second floor living areas. The bedroom combines peaches, purples, and pinks to create the feeling of sunset and sunrise despite the room's north facing window. The end result was a home that related to the owners in a personal way and had them excited about living there.

Otogawa-Anschel General Contractors and Consultants is a local design-build firm focused on urban development and city living. The company is dedicated to Green building and creating energy efficient homes, and is committed to providing affordable remodeling options for its clients. Otogawa-Anschel General Contractors and Consultants are located at 1170 15th Avenue SE, Suite 205, in Minneapolis. Visit their website at www.otogawa-anschel.com.

Pictures of the 2004 award-winning projects can be seen on the Internet at www.chrysalisawards.com beginning July 1. For more information about the Chrysalis Awards, contact Ken Kanline at 800-854-7736.

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