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Larson-Juhl Announces the Winner of the 2016 Design Star: Framing Edition Competition

Atlanta (January 2016) – Micah Paul Bolton and Katrina Magowan, of The Studio Shop in San Mateo, California, were named the 2016 Design Stars at Larson-Juhl’s Design Star: Framing Edition competition.

Hundreds of custom framers submitted entries to the framing competition held at the world’s largest event in the picture framing industry, West Coast Art & Frame in Las Vegas. Custom framers from around the world sent in photographs of their creative framing projects in seven categories: Objects, Mirrors, Textiles, Documents, Art on Canvas, Art on Paper and Photography. Comprised of industry experts, the panel of judges selected first, second and third place winners in each category.

The title of 2016 Design Star was awarded to Micah Paul Bolton and Katrina Magowan for creatively framing a San Francisco, California poster. Micah stacked three Larson-Juhl mouldings together, Confetti II 140648, Harlow 281320 and Tate 536650. A tire tread pattern, using matte black acrylic, was designed in Adobe Illustrator and cut on a laser. Over 1500 individual pieces of this acrylic were placed on top of Tate 536650 to create the look of tire tread. Katrina hand painted the sides of Confetti II 140648 to extend the actual art onto the frame. The hand painted sides reflected onto the mirror finish of Harlow 281320 to create an amazing optical illusion.

For winning the Design Star title, Micah Paul Bolton and Katrina Magowan will collaborate with the Larson-Juhl Design Team on a new moulding collection to be launched at the 2017 West Coast Art & Frame Expo and will also receive a \$500 Larson-Juhl credit. The 2015 Design Star, Francine Hackerott, worked with the Larson-Juhl Design Team to create the Salon 1789 collection, which was revealed at the West Coast Art & Frame Expo. Hackerott stated, “Being the Design Star was the highlight of my career. I was able to see how a moulding collection is created from start to finish, and it gave me a new perspective on our industry.”

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