



Jose Herrasti - Principal Founder

Jose Herrasti obtained a bachelor's in architecture from Universidad Cristobal Colon, Veracruz, Mexico (1993), and a master's in advanced architectural design from Columbia University, New York (1997). He was a professor at Calpoly Pomona (2015 to 2017) and was a John G. Williams Distinguished Visitor at the Fay Jones School of Architecture (2022). Jose was president of the LA Forum for Architecture and Urban Design (2022 and 2023). He currently teaches at USC, Los Angeles.

Education

Columbia University, New York, 1997 – Master in Science, Advance Architectural Design
 Universidad Cristobal Colon, Veracruz, Mexico, 1993 – Bachelor of Architecture

Teaching

USC School of Architecture (2023-) – Design studio lecturer
 UArk, Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design, 2022 – John G. Williams Distinguished Visitor in Architecture.
 Calpoly Pomona (2015-2017) – Design studio lecturer

Selected Project Experience

Thurin Eaton Fire rebuild (2025-) – New like-to-like home and Accessory Dwelling Unit, Altadena, CA
 Wapello Eaton Fire rebuild (2025-) – New home and Accessory Dwelling Unit, Altadena, CA
 Wasted No More (2025-) – New off the grid home made from waste concrete blocks, Pioneertown, CA
 Dingbat. MUTUO with There There (2024-) – New Accessory Dwelling Unit 2 apartment building, Santa Monica, CA
 OTOCH. MUTUO with There There (2023-) – Remodel and addition to a historical home in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico
 8619 Appian Way. MUTUO (2023-) – Remodel and addition to an architectural significant home in the Hollywood Hills.
 Sunset Boulevard Gateways. MUTUO with Studio-MLA (2020-) – Design of 3 Gateways and vision for the Sunset Strip.
 Self Help Graphics. MUTUO with Smith-Clementi (2020-) – Headquarters for SHG.
 Victory. MUTUO with Patterns (2018-2021) – 42,000 sf Adaptive-reuse project.
 Boyle Tower. MUTUO with Urb-in (2018-) – A small tower addition of 5 micro-units next to an existing building.
 North Shore Park Pavilion. (2014-2018) – Pavilion inside a park in an immigrant farming community in the Coachella Valley.
 Wonderland Avenue Residences. (2013- 2019) – Three single family residences in the Hollywood Hills, in Los Angeles, CA.

Awards

Chicago Athenaeum/Global Design News – 2025 Future House International Residential Awards – Wasted No More (In collaboration with There There)
 The Architect's Newspaper – 2025 Best of Practice Honorable Award
 The Architect's Newspaper – 2023 Best of Design Awards – Otoch (In collaboration with There There)
 AIA|LA – 2023 Adaptive Reuse Honor Award – Victory Healthcare (In collaboration with PATTERNS)
 Chicago Athenaeum/European Centre 2023 American Award – Honorable mention – Finding Flexibility within systems
 Chicago Athenaeum/European Centre 2023 International Award – Honorable mention – Finding Flexibility within systems
 Chicago Athenaeum/European Centre 2021 American Architecture Award – Wonderland
 Fast Company – 2021 Honorable Mention in Experimental category, Innovation by Design Awards – Boyle Tower
 AIA|LA – 2020 Cityscapes Citation Award – North Shore Pavilion
 Chicago Athenaeum/European Centre 2020 International Award – Boyle Tower
 AIA|LA – 2019 Presidential Honor Award – Emerging Practice
 AIA|LA – 2018 Next LA Honor Award – Boyle Tower (In collaboration with Urb-in)

Selected Exhibits / Events / Installations / Books / Lectures

Bienal de São Paulo (2025) – Wasted No More (In collaboration with There There)
 Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art – Architecture at Home (2022) – Mutuo was commissioned for a housing exhibit.
 Fay Jones School of Architecture lecture (2022) – “It is as much about Empathy as it is about Space”
 LA Forum for Architecture and Urban Design – Every. Thing. Changes. (2020) – Exhibit during the Covid Pandemic.

Selected Publications

Of the Moment (September 2024) – Current Thinking “Small wonders”. Instigated by Thom Mayne
 Space 10 (August 29, 2023) – ‘The inclusive home, shaping spaces of belonging’
 Metalocus (September 14, 2022) – ‘Finding Flexibility within Systems. Prototype for Equitable and Inclusive Housing by Mutuo’
 Metropolis Magazine (September 6, 2022) – ‘Crystal Bridges Imagines the Future of Housing’, by Addie Broyles
 Fast Company (September 2, 2022) – ‘Five prototype homes show that houses can be sustainable and attainable’
 The Architect's Newspaper (Aug 26, 2022) – ‘Crystal Bridges Museum debuts five house prototypes that take on NW Arkansas's housing crisis’
 Abitare (February 1, 2020) – ‘Wonderland in Hollywood’, by Ilaria Mazzoleni
 Archinect (January 27, 2020) – ‘10 residential projects in Los Angeles by Los Angeles Architects we liked this month’
 Metalocus (December 26, 2019) – ‘Wonderland Houses’
 Archinect (July 30, 2018) – ‘Mutuo brings Mexican and Brazilian perspectives to LA's Architecture Milieu’.