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**Withee Malcolm Architects Entry Wins Jurors' Favorite Award at the
Canstruction® International Citywide Competition Award Ceremony**

*The Award-winning "Mad Hatter" was created for the
Orange County Design/Build Competition.*

Los Angeles, CA—Torrance-based Withee Malcolm Architects won the Jurors' Favorite Award for the Mad Hatter-inspired *Fighting Hunger Madders* creation at the Canstruction® International Citywide Competition Award Ceremony.

This was the first year that Withee Malcolm participated in the competition. Responding to the event's goal of ending hunger, the theme "Fighting Hunger Madders" comes from the Victorian era during which many textile workers, specifically hatters, were exposed to mercury substances used to cure felt. In addition to mercury poisoning, the overworked hatters suffered starvation, which caused illnesses affecting the nervous system. Confused and disturbed, these symptoms are the source for the infamous phrase "mad as a hatter."

Withee Malcolm's creation used 6,000 cans of food including multiple varieties of canned fish, some colorful tomato sauce, black-eye peas and over 1,000 tea bags to craft an approximately 9-foot tall Mad Hatter with a striking resemblance to Johnny Depp.

Anthony Corbin, who led the effort and inspired his colleagues to compete, was on hand to accept the award at the ceremony in Orlando on April 27, 2017. "The experience was such a great way to grow professionally with my fellow co-workers while using our skills as architectural designers to give back and make a difference," said Corbin

Other Team members included: Maryam Zahedi, Guillermo Trujillo, Noe Felix, Jose Rojas, Andrew Williams, Joseph Wu, Min Pan, Dirk Thelen, Ken Nakagaki, Francisco Martinez, Melinda Liday, as well as friends and family members.

Canstruction® is a non-profit organization that hosts competitions and exhibitions creating awe-inspiring giant structures made entirely out of full cans of food. Teams of design industry professionals including architects, engineers, and construction firms participate in Canstruction® competitions in over 150 cities around the world each year. Design award winners from local city events compete for international design awards. At the conclusion of each city event, all food is donated to local food banks.



The 2016 Orange County Construction[®] event featured structures exhibited at South Coast Plaza and ARTIC (Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center) during the month of September. Forty-eight thousand, four-hundred and Nine (48,409) pounds of food and \$27,000 were donated to the OC Food Bank.

Other Orange County competition participants garnered international awards. Jeffrey Rome & Associates' *Celebrate Life on a Full Stomach*, inspired by the movie *The Book of Life*, won the Founder's Award. Additionally, Disneyland Resort placed second internationally in the People's Choice category, and Fluor placed fourth in Best Use of Labels.

Orange County's 10th Anniversary Construction[®] event will return to South Coast Plaza and ARTIC, September 2-24, 2017. The 2017 event will also expand to include Construction[®] displays featured at John Wayne Orange County Airport.

For more information regarding Construction[®], you may contact Mark Lowry, OC Food Bank at (714) 897-6670 ext. 3601, or m_lowry@capoc.org.

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