

DESIGN TREND



Firm finalist for top title

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QUEENSLANDERS are in with a chance to win the coveted title of Designer of the Year at the prestigious Australian Interior Design Excellence Awards - for the first time in its 11-year history.

Brisbane-based Wrightson Stewart Interiors were shortlisted for the top award with only four other design firms from across the country.

Director Steven Stewart said he and co-owner Ian Wrightson were honoured the firm was named a finalist.

"I was in a room filled with my contemporaries, some of which I have admired since I've been in design," he said.

"I was being assessed alongside them. It's a huge honour and we're very excited that we can represent Queensland for the first time."

The duo have also been

shortlisted for three other categories: Best Event for their pop-up bar at La Boite Theatre, Best Workplace Under 1000sqm for their own office, and Best Single Residential for their Teneriffe Warehouse Apartment.

The apartment also won the Residential Design category for Queensland at the Australian

Interior Design Awards earlier this year.

Mr Stewart said his firm took an individual approach to each project.

"They're a modern classic take on a suitable interior for that particular place," he said.

The IDEA 2013 winners will be announced in Melbourne on November 15.



INDIVIDUAL APPROACH: Designers Ian Wrightson and Steven Stewart showcase their work (clockwise from above left) the Teneriffe Warehouse Apartment and La Boite Theatre's pop-up bar.