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gh3 and Anthony Provenzano take first place in DWR Design Gallery Contest

The Russell Hill Road Residence in Toronto claimed first prize in the DWR Design Gallery Contest. Designed by gh3 – Pat Hanson (partner in charge) and Anthony Provenzano (project architect), the house was built in the Brutalist style of architecture of the 1970s, and had been changed over the years by previous owners who converted large open spaces into cellular rooms. Hanson and Provenzano reversed this by reopening the ground floor so that it became an open loft-like space from front to back – a considerable size, as the house is about 70 feet long. They also stripped back the interior to create a neutral shell punctuated by sculptural elements such as a curved stair and stone fireplace wall.

Interior finishes were chosen for their neutrality. Most surfaces were painted white and other surfaces that would incur more wear – like bathtubs and counters – were finished with custom-fabricated white Corian. All floor surfaces – including the stairs – are wood, and are stained nearly black. The contrast with the walls also serves to extend and unify the space.

The panel of judges rated each entry on a scale from 1 to 10 in each of the following criteria: innovation, honesty, timelessness and approachability. The four with the highest scores were selected as DWR's winners.

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