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John Mini Distinctive Landscapes Wins Plantscape of the Year Diamond Award
Company recognized for innovative installation in New York's Lowline Lab

Columbus, Ohio – John Mini Distinctive Landscapes, an AmericanHort member, was recently named the winner of the Plantscape of the Year Diamond Award at the AmericanHort International Plantscape Awards. The award recognized John Mini's Subterranean Park installation in New York City's Lowline Lab, a 1.5-year installation that introduced the public to the daring vision of architects to create, "a stunning underground park, providing a beautiful respite, and a cultural attraction in one of the world's densest, exciting urban environments." The project proves the viability of a first-of-its kind technology which captures natural sunlight from the rooftops of buildings and transports it to indoor spaces or underground. The Lowline Lab is situated in an abandoned trolley terminal in New York's Lower East Side.

63 projects were entered in this year's International Plantscape Awards, which recognizes outstanding interior plantscaping from across North America. Projects are entered into one of 10 categories for judging by 3 veteran professional interior plantscapers. The awards were presented on July 11 during the Celebration Dinner during Cultivate'16 where more than 100 plantscapers were in attendance.

More information about the International Plantscape Awards is available at AmericanHort.org/Plantscape.

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