# The 31st Annual Thea Award Winners

## The Buzz Price Thea Award for a Lifetime of Outstanding Achievement

Rick Rothschild, Founder and Chief Creative, FAR Out! Creative Direction

#### **The Thea Catalyst Award**

- Dayton Schroeder, AIA, Vice President and Design Director, SmithGroup
- Naoki Tanaka, Creative Director, Dentsu Lab Tokyo

# **The Thea Classic Award**

• The Amazing Adventures of Spider-Man, Islands of Adventure, Universal Orlando Resort

### **Thea Awards for Outstanding Achievement**

- Attraction, Limited Budget: The Ladder Immersive Gaming, Los Angeles, California, USA
- Attraction: Voltron Nevera powered by Rimac, Europa Park, Rust, Baden-Württemberg, Germany
- Attraction, Limited Budget: Adventure Play at Windsor Great Park, Windsor, United Kingdom
- Children's Museum, Limited Budget: NEOBIO Museum, Shanghai, China
- Immersive Land: Valley of Witches, Ghibli Park, Nagakute City, Aichi Prefecture, Japan
- Immersive Show/Hotel Lobby Transformation, Limited Budget: The Legend of Luna: A Great Wolf Story, Great Wolf Lodge, Perryville Maryland, USA
- Immersive Technology and Production: The Sphere, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA
- *International Live Spectacular:* 2024 Paris Olympic and Paralympic Opening Ceremonies, Paris, France
- Live Event: Kiss of The Sea (Nu hôn của Biến Cả), Sunset Town, Vietnam
- Marine Theme Park: Chimelong Spaceship, Zhuhai, Guangdong, China
- Museum: International African American Museum, Charleston, South Carolina, USA
- *Museum Attraction*: The Priddy Family Foundation Freedom Theater at the National WWII Museum, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA
- Spectacular Show: Chimelong Show, Chimelong Theater, Zhuhai, China
- *Technological Innovation*: BDX Droids Star Wars Galaxy's Edge, Walt Disney Imagineering Research & Development (Glendale, CA) and Disney Research Zurich (Switzerland)
- Theme Park Land: Fantasy Springs, Tokyo DisneySea, Tokyo, Japan
- Theme Park Land: Zootopia, Shanghai Disney Resort, Shanghai, China
- Waterpaark: Aquascope, Futuroscope, Jaunay-Marigny, France

#### **TEA Recognition of Merit** (New for 2025)

- Attraction, Limited Budget: Treasure Hunt: The Ride, Monterey Bay, California, USA
- Connected Immersion Event, Limited Budget: The DigiWave Experience, Kaohsiung, Taiwan
- *Immersive Gaming, Limited Budget:* The Time Travel Agency at Electric Forest Festival, Rothbury, Michigan, USA

# The Peter Chernack Distinguished Service Award

• Lynn Willrich, Co-Owner I Director, D J Willrich, Ltd.