

National Award Announced for Terrazzo Artistry at Agua Caliente Palm Springs

National terrazzo trade association recognizes the CORRADINI Corp. for handcrafted terrazzo floors in the Agua Caliente Resort Casino and Cultural Museum.

PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, USA, July 31, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Traditional basket designs—a central element of the heritage of the <u>Agua Caliente</u> Band of Cahuilla Indians—are artfully woven into the terrazzo floors in three tribal reservation properties. The <u>National Terrazzo & Mosaic Association</u> (NTMA) listed the installation among the year's top terrazzo projects at its 100th annual convention in Lake Como, Italy.

The installation's geometric medallions honor ancestral lands and culture, with neutral tones recalling the surrounding desert landscape and forms designed to enhance and complement the circular patterns and curves of the interior.

The NTMA member contractor, CORRADINI Corporation of Costa Mesa, California, was founded in 1924 and is a fourth-generation family business. The association's annual Honor Award program



Traditional basketry patterns inspired the award-winning terrazzo floors installed in the Agua Caliente Resort Casino & Cultural Museum.

recognizes outstanding terrazzo projects its members submit. The program promotes member contractors as the sole qualified resource for terrazzo installations that meet the highest industry standards. Each year, a group of industry experts evaluates the submitted entries. Projects are judged on design, craftsmanship, and scope.

The NTMA, a 148-member, full-service nonprofit trade association headquartered in Fredericksburg, Texas, celebrates its centennial this year. The NTMA establishes national standards for terrazzo systems for floor and vertical applications. Its mission is to promote quality craftsmanship and creativity in terrazzo while supporting its members in their trade and service to the construction industry. The NTMA's full range of free services extends to architects, interior designers, artists, general contractors, maintenance professionals, and property owners. From helping the design community write specifications to providing technical assistance at any project stage, the NTMA's objective is to ensure quality terrazzo installations.

Terrazzo originated in 15th-century Italy, a direct descendant of the mosaic artistry of ancient Rome. One of the world's original sustainable building systems, terrazzo evolved through the resourcefulness of Venetian marble workers as they developed a creative



The designer, JCJ of Los Angeles, worked with the terrazzo contractor to transform 10 tribal images into terrazzo floors.

way to reuse discarded stone chips. Terrazzo artisans still pour terrazzo by hand on the construction site, with options for precast and waterjet-cut elements. Stone, recycled glass, or other aggregates, often sourced locally, are embedded in a cement or epoxy base and polished

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Basketry-inspired designs, natural colors, and design elements—each with its own meaning—tie each unique medallion to one another, while keeping a consistent aesthetic across the floors."

Chris Corradini, President, CORRADINI Corp.

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