



A Pho-Cabulary Emerges

As any industry evolves, so too do the words used to describe it. That was the idea behind PhosWords, a competition organized by lighting think tank PhoScope and its founder/executive director, Nathalie Rozot, a former *LD+A* education columnist and associate professor of lighting design at Parsons.

The competition called upon the lighting community to submit words with the Greek root “phot” or “phos” for consideration in PhoScope’s developing vocabulary that intends to “expand the discourse of light.” The winning entries were announced in December following deliberation by a jury of architects, writers, photographers, editors and anthropologists.

And the winners are...



photodendron *n.* 1. interlocking beams of light 2. Christmas tree



photofloral *adj.* describing a relationship between plants and light □
photoflorally adv.



phoneiric *adj.* 1. of or relating to light with a dreamy quality 2. of or relating to dreams about light □ *phoneirically adv.*



phodega *n.* a small neighborhood shop selling light or light therapy for everyday needs



photohoric *adj.* with a boundary formed by light syn. photohorical □
photohorically adv.



aphoplexy *n.* being stunned or incapacitated by light. □ *aphoplectic adj.*



phossential *adj.* 1. essential light or lighting 2. having an essential need for light □ *phossentially adv.* *phossence n.*