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Heroic Efforts in Preservation of Minneapolis' Heritage Honored Today

Recognition of projects, individuals, and community organizations that celebrate and enhance the heritage and historic character of Minneapolis

May 20, 2010 (Minneapolis MN) - The Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission, the Minneapolis Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and Preserve Minneapolis announce the recipients of this year's preservation awards. Awards are made for exemplary projects, to individuals and to community organizations that celebrate and enhance the heritage and historic character of Minneapolis.

These awards highlight the year's best achievements for transforming or preserving a historic property, building, or landscape. Recognition is also given to those who submit projects that incorporate both new and old elements in a way that is respectful to the past. Submissions are judged on attention to the quality of design, architecture, workmanship, and materials as well as the positive impact on the surrounding neighborhood and community.

The recipients were announced at the 19th annual Awards Ceremony held Thursday, May 20, 11:30 a.m. at International Market Square, 275 Market Street, Room 185, Minneapolis.
The following honors were presented:

New Construction within a Historic District:

Phoenix on the River, 222 2nd St. SE

Director of Development: Schafer Richardson
Architect: ESG Architects
Engineer: MBJ Engineers
Project Manager: Bor-Son Construction

Historic Restoration or Rehabilitation Project:

Cyrus Northrop Memorial Auditorium (restoration), University of Minnesota, 84 Church Street SE

Architect: RSP Architects
Owner: University of Minnesota

Forum Restaurant (rehabilitation), 40 South 7th St.

Architect: Shea, Inc.
Contractor: Rich Brothers Construction
Restaurant Owner: Jim Ringo
Landlord: Brookfield Properties
Vitrolite Specialist: Vitrolite Specialist

Adaptive Reuse Project:

Educational Sciences Building, University of Minnesota, 56 East River Rd.

Project Management: University of Minnesota
Architect: Collaborative Design Group
Engineers: LKPB
Construction Manager: JE Dunn

New Addition to a Historic Building:

Plymouth Congregational Church, 1900 Nicollet Ave. S.

Architect: Architectural Alliance
Contractor: Mortenson Construction
Owner: Plymouth Congregational Church

Neighborhood Preservation Award:

Basilica Block Party, 88 North 17th St.

Sponsors: Anheuser Busch, Inc., Cities 97, Sun Country Airlines
Owner: The Basilica of Saint Mary
Advertising Agency: Fallon Worldwide
Executive Director: Pro Events International

Community Education & Advocacy:

AIA Guides, Larry Millett

Publisher: Minnesota Historical Society Press

Good Luck and Godspeed (for a project that's just getting started):

Christ Church Lutheran, 3244 34th Ave. S.

Owner: Christ Church Lutheran
Sponsor: Friends of Christ Church Lutheran

Minneapolis City Hall Clock Tower, 350 South 5th St.

Mechanism Specialist: Lee Manufacturing
Architect: RSP Architects
Owner: Municipal Building Commission

The Recent Past Award:

20 Washington Square Reflecting Pools, 20 Washington Square

Owner: Hines
Architect: Short Elliot Hendrickson
Engineer: Commercial Aquatic Engineering
General Contractor: Cy-Con, Inc.
Pool Equipment: Aqua-Logic
Pool Coating: RAM Construction

Mayo Meditation Room, University of Minnesota, 420 Delaware St. SE

Owner: Center for Spirituality and Healing, University of Minnesota
Historical Consultant: Hess, Roise and Company
Forensic Analysis: Howard R. Green Company
Engineer: LKPB Engineers, Inc.
Contractor: Sheehy Construction Company

Single Family Residential Award:

Noteboom Residence, 2727 Dean Parkway

Architect: TEA₂ Architects

William Kenyon Residence, 1715 James Ave. S.

Owners: Sandra and Nick Hay

The Steve Murray Award (honoring an individual):

John Stark

The City of Minneapolis Department of Community Planning and Economic Development solicited nominations in March; 30 nominations were received. The awards jury was comprised of nine professionals representing the three program sponsors.

The *American Institute of Architects (AIA) Minnesota* is the voice of the architecture profession dedicated to serving its members, advancing their value and improving the quality of the built environment. AIA Minnesota and its chapters AIA Minneapolis, AIA Saint Paul and AIA Northern, take leadership positions on the discussion of issues affecting the public good and the development of appropriate public policy and collaborate with neighborhood groups, students, city officials, planners and more. AIA Minnesota also publishes the award-winning magazine, *Architecture Minnesota*.

The *Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC)* was formed in 1972 to serve as serves as a citizen advisory body to the Minneapolis City Council. The HPC is part of a nation-wide network of groups dedicated to the preservation and celebration of our local and national heritage. The Commission holds public hearings on matters related to preservation twice each month. Projects that come before the commission are administered through professional preservation-planning staff in the City of Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development Department (CPED). These meetings are specifically held so that the Commission can hear from the public on matters related to heritage preservation. The public is welcome to attend and highly encouraged to participate.

Preserve Minneapolis is a newly registered non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in Minneapolis by recognizing, preserving, and revitalizing the architectural and related cultural resources of the city of Minneapolis. Founded in 2003, the group was originally brought together to attract the 2007 National Trust for Historic Preservation conference to the Twin Cities. Preserve Minneapolis hosts monthly discussions and tours highlighting preservation activities in Minneapolis. More information can be found at www.preserveminneapolis.org.

The *City of Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development Department (CPED)* provides preservation related services within Minneapolis local government. These services include professional review for preservation permit applications, ongoing efforts to evaluate the historical significance of buildings and districts, recommendations for designation of local landmarks; preparation and administration of design guidelines; on-going research of eligible sites and districts; public education and community outreach programs; collaboration on the integration of historic preservation with City planning and development activities.

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