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Minneapolis Announces Preservation Awards

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May 21, 2009 (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. The partners honor exemplary projects, individuals, and community organizations that celebrate and enhance the heritage and historic character of Minneapolis. These awards highlight the year's best achievements for transforming a historic property, building, or landscape and reinventing it to incorporate both new and old elements in a way that that is respectful to the past. Projects 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 18th annual awards ceremony held Thursday, May 21, 11:30 a.m. at International Market Square. The following honors were presented:

Historic Restoration or Rehabilitation Project

University of Minnesota Folwell Hall, 9 Pleasant Street SE

Adaptive Reuse Project (2 awards)

J.B. Hudson Jewelers, 901 Nicollet Mall
Foshay Tower, 821 Marquette Avenue

New Addition to an Historic Building

Eitel Building City Apartments, 1367 Willow St.

Neighborhood Preservation Award

Garden of Gethsemane Ministries Church, 2054 James Ave N

Community Education & Advocacy (2 awards)

Seward History Walk
Preservation Central

Good Luck and Godspeed

Bluff Street Park

The Recent Past Award

Marquette Hotel Entry, 701 Marquette Avenue

Single Family Residential Award

A.R. Anderson Residence, 401 5th Street Southeast

The Steve Murray Award

Chuck Liddy, AIA

The City of Minneapolis Department of Community Planning and Economic Development solicited nominations; fifteen nominations were received. The awards jury was comprised of ten professionals and advocates representing the 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.

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; prepares and administers design guidelines; conducts on-going research of eligible sites and districts; provides public education and community outreach programs; collaborates on the integration of historic preservation with City planning and development activities.

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