

Community Planning and Economic Development News Release

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For Immediate Release

26th Annual Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Awards to Honor Exemplary Building Projects, Individuals, and Community Organizations on May 12

WHAT: On Thursday, May 12, Preserve Minneapolis, AIA Minneapolis, and the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission will celebrate the 26th Annual Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Awards at 11:30 a.m. at International Market Square.

The partners will honor exemplary building projects, individuals, and community organizations that celebrate and enhance the heritage and historic character of Minneapolis. The hosts will also praise projects that have made an overall contribution to preservation in Minneapolis beyond the physical construction or reconstruction of a building or landscape.

Awards are made based on nomination materials submitted. Projects were judged based on their careful attention to the quality of design, architecture, workmanship, and materials as well as their positive impact on surrounding neighborhoods and community. A jury comprised of two Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commissioners, two members of AIA Minneapolis, and two board members from Preserve Minneapolis reviewed nominations.

Tickets are free for AIA members and \$20 for non-members. The Awards Ceremony is open to the public and all are welcome to attend. Information on registering for the award luncheon is available online [here](#).

WHEN: Thursday, May 12, 2016
11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

WHO: Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the awards luncheon.

WHERE: International Market Square
275 Market Street
Room 185
Minneapolis, MN

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About the Partners:

AIA Minneapolis

AIA Minneapolis is the largest of three AIA Minnesota chapters with more than 1,600 members. Centered in Minneapolis, the chapter territory includes the southwestern portion of the state. As a large chapter, AIA Minneapolis participates with other large chapters nationwide to focus attention on significant issues facing members. The chapter provides leadership, networking, and outreach opportunities for its members. Reference our website at <http://www.aia-mn.org/about/chapters/aia-minneapolis/>.

Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission

The Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) was formed in 1972 to serve 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

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.

City of Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development

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.