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HISTORIC KANSAS CITY HONORS 2018 PRESERVATION AWARD RECIPIENTS

Kansas City, MO. – April 1, 2019: Historic Kansas City is pleased to announce the finalists for the 2018 Historic Preservation Awards. The Preservation Awards highlight numerous historic preservation efforts that occurred in the Kansas City area in the year 2018. HKC feels that the long-term quality and character of a community is directly related to its willingness to identify, protect, and enhance those historic places that define and differentiate it. That is why we host the Preservation Awards, in order to celebrate and bring awareness to those companies and individuals who help preserve these unique historic places for future generations.

The 2018 Historic Preservation Awards took place at The Westport Plexpod in Kansas City, Missouri on Wednesday, March 27th at 6:30 pm. The final award winners were announced before an audience of owners, industry leaders, and representatives from around the Kansas City metro. Nominee finalists were selected from nominations received from historic preservation supporters, prior award recipients, community leaders, and leadership from Historic Kansas City.

“It is an honor to congratulate all the 2018 award nominees,” said Lisa Briscoe, Executive Director, Historic Kansas City. “The nominee finalists exemplify the finest historic preservation projects from the across the metro area. We applaud the dedication and passion of the hundreds of individuals working at these iconic properties and neighborhood reinvestment initiatives that keep the stories alive from the past.”

Recipients are as follows:

**Category 1 Best Adaptive Re-Use:** Awarded to a project that is an exemplary example of a creative, innovative and appropriate re-use of a historic structure. The current use of the building must differ from its historical use.

- St. Mary’s Church/Police Athletic League, 800 N. 5th Street (KCK) - Excellence Award
- Traders on Grand/The Grand Apartments, 1125 Grand Blvd - Excellence Award
- Norman School Lofts, 3514 Jefferson Street - Honors Award
- Interstate Building/Holiday Inn Express, 417 E. 13th Street - Merit Award

**Category 2 Best Preservation Practices:** Awarded for a restoration project that has undergone work in rehabilitation, restoration or reconstruction that allows for the continued original use of the structure.

- Kemper Arena/Hy-Vee Arena, 1800 Genessee Street - Excellence Award
- Hotel Savoy/21C Museum Hotel, 219 W. 9th Street - Honors Award
- University Club/Kansas City Club, 918 Baltimore - Merit Award
Category 3 Contemporary Design in a Historic Context: Awarded to a project that displays appropriate and innovative contemporary design in a historic context. Any contemporary building located within a historic context is eligible, including a major addition to a historic building. The project is expected to respect and complement the historic integrity of its setting. Nominations should focus on significant aspects of the historic setting and the manner in which the contemporary design acknowledges and complements them.

- Pabst Building/Crossroads Hotel, 2101-2107 Central Street - Excellence Award
- St. Peter's Church/Multipurpose Space, 701 E. Meyer Boulevard - Honors Award

Category 4 Neighborhood Stabilization Award: Awarded to a project, individual, business or group that has greatly contributed to the revitalization of a historic neighborhood or reclamation of abandoned or poorly maintained property or structure.

- Blenheim School Apartments, 2411 East 70th Terrace - Excellence Award
- Campbell Baking/Wonder Shops + Flats, 1108 E. 30th St. - Honors Award
- Rock the Block - Habitat for Humanity of Kansas City - Merit Award

Category 5 Outstanding Work by a Craftsperson: Recognizes high-quality work that demonstrates an understanding of the principles and practice of preservation techniques on a specific project. It is not intended to reflect lifetime achievement. The nomination must include photographs of the work and descriptions of the obstacles faced by the craftsperson in performing the work, innovative techniques or materials used in the project, and the process involved in the work, including research where applicable.

- Structural Engineering Associates, Boley Building Façade - Excellence Award
- Tudor Woodworks, Savoy Grill Millwork Restoration - Honors Award
- Joe Munson, Savoy Bar Restoration - Honors Award

Category 6 Richard Nadeau Award for Organizational Achievement: This award recognizes outstanding achievement in preservation activities by a group, business, municipality, neighborhood or other organization. The award nomination evaluation will be based on outstanding achievement for a significant project or for a lengthy period of dedication to preservation activities.

- KC Home Rehabber Loan Fund - ALTCAP and Legal Aid of Western Missouri

Category 7 Jane Flynn LEADERSHIP Award: Individual or joint partnership that has championed historic preservation, planning, or public policy.

- City Councilwoman Katheryn Shields

Category 8 George Ehrlich Award: Awarded to a group or individual for an outstanding publication in preservation, history, urban design or a related topic.

- Michael C. Kathrens – Author: Kansas City Houses 1885-1938

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