



STATEMENT BY HISTORIC KANSAS CITY

Historic Kansas City Honors Historic Preservation Award Recipients

Kansas City, MO. – November 13, 2024: Historic Kansas City is pleased to announce the finalists for the Historic Preservation Awards. The Preservation Awards highlight numerous historic preservation efforts that occurred in the Kansas City area in the period of 2023 - 24. 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, to celebrate and bring awareness to those companies and individuals who help preserve these unique historic places for future generations.

The Historic Preservation Awards took place at Century Club Ballroom at The Mark Apartments in Kansas City, Missouri on Tuesday, November 12th 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.

For fifty years, Historic Kansas City (HKC) has been the only greater Kansas City nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the area's heritage, neighborhoods, and historic built environment. Through advocacy, public policy, outreach, and educational programming, HKC is an advocate for, and participant in, the thoughtful and meaningful preservation and rehabilitation of historic buildings, landscapes, and neighborhoods.

"Without a doubt, the Preservation awards are HKC's favorite event of the year. It's the time we kick back and bask in the glow of all of our winner's efforts to enhance our historic neighborhoods and buildings" said Katheryn Shields, President, Historic Kansas City.

"It is an honor to congratulate our award winners," said Lisa Briscoe, Executive Director, Historic Kansas City. "The winners 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."

Preservation takes time, care, and vision. All of our winners dedicated long days and nights and problem-solved unexpected pitfalls to seeing these projects through from start to finish. From rundown to restored. From forgotten to flourishing!

For more on the story, see the link to the event program and presentation below.

Program (printer version): https://www.historickansascity.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Preservation-Awards-2023-24-Program_FINAL.pdf

Presentation: https://www.historickansascity.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Preservation-Awards_2023_24_NOV-7-FINAL_comp.pdf

Recipients are as follows:

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.



Zhou B Art Center [Excellence]

(Crispus Attucks School)
1818 E. 19th Street

Zhou B Art Center, Gateway Investment Partners, RDM Companies, BNIM, AL Huber General Contractor, Heritage Consulting Group



The Residences at Park 39 [Excellence]

(Westport High School)
315 E. 39th Street

Sustainable Development Partners, Burns & McDonnell, Ryan Companies General Contractor, Heritage Consulting Group, Retrochem



The Mark Apartments [Honors]

(The Mark Twain Tower)
106 W 11th Street

The Bernstein Companies, Rau Construction Company, Stephen Varenhorst Architects, Latimer Sommers & Associates Engineers, Lisa Schmitz Interior Design, Heritage Consulting Group



The Midland Lofts [Merit]

(The Midland Office Building)
1221 -1233 Baltimore

Cordish – Midland Residential, LLC, Helix Architecture + Design, Cydney Millstein, Heritage Consulting Group



Best Contribution to Affordable Housing Through Preservation

Recognizes the value of reusing buildings rather than demolishing and starting from scratch and its importance in maintaining affordable housing in Kansas City. The project honors the best work of those who have repurposed or rehabilitated multi-family buildings, six-plexes and other properties in a way that enhances the neighborhood around them while also creating or maintaining affordable living spaces.



Y Lofts [Excellence]

(Kansas City, Kansas YMCA Building)
900 N 8th St, Kansas City, KS

*Consolidated Housing Solutions, LLC, Riverstone Platform Partners,
Altman Charter, Alley Poyner, Continental Engineers*



The St Regis Apartments [Excellence]

(The St Regis Hotel)
1400 East Linwood Blvd

*Millennia Housing Development, Cleveland Construction, Pendulum
Studio Arch, GKW Restoration, STRATA*

Contemporary Design in Historic Context

Awarded to a project that displays appropriate and innovative contemporary design in a historic context.



Corner Residence [Merit]

2809 West 90th St., Leawood, Kansas

*FORWARD Design Architecture, Hurst Construction Inc, Plaid
Landscape Collaborative*



Neighborhood Stabilization

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.

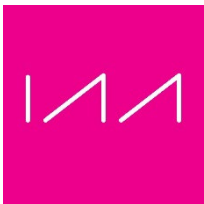


Northeast Neighborhood Trust [Excellence]

NENT's work seeks to create a high-opportunity mixed-income community through three primary forms of impact reducing displacement, increasing revitalization, and changing power structures.

Trailblazers Award

This award recognizes outstanding achievement in preservation activities by a group, business, municipality, neighborhood or organization.



International Architects Atelier [Excellence]

Co-Founders and Principals Majid Amirahmadi, AIA, and Elizabeth Amirahmadi, AIA, has made it their mission to safeguard the rich history and cultural heritage of Kansas City through architectural excellence and thoughtful design.



Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas [Honors]

The scale of the work done by KCK in 2023-2024 highlights the excitement of the community for Historic Preservation and has created a shift to preserve and enhance the cultural resources of the city to improve the quality of life of its residents.



Best Preservation Practices

This award honors either outstanding work in the rehabilitation, restoration or reconstruction of a structure, or the outstanding work of a specific craftsman on such a project.



Shawnee Mission Park Marina **[Excellence]**

Shawnee Mission Park, Kansas

Johnson County Park and Recreation, SFS Architecture, Centric, McAfee Henderson Solutions, Inc., Stand Structural Engineering Inc., PKMR Engineers



Victor L. Regnier Residence **[Merit]**

2121 West 48th Terrace, Westwood Hills, Kansas

FORWARD Design Architecture, Todd Thomas Contractor

George Ehrlich Award

Awarded to a group or individual for an outstanding publication in preservation, history, urban design or a related topic.



What's Your KCQ? **[Excellence]**

The Kansas City Public Library and The Kansas City Star



Nelly Don ~ the Musical Movie **[Honors]**

By historian, author, and filmmaker Terence O'Malley