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## **2007 PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

### **Rick Sebak, WQED to receive highest award**

Preservation Pennsylvania, in partnerships with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, announces the recipients of the 2007 Pennsylvania's Historic Preservation Awards. This year's awards will be presented at a luncheon in the Tile Room of Harrisburg's historic Zembo on Thursday, September 20, 2007.

The annual preservation awards, a tradition since 1979, recognize significant contributions in the field of historic preservation made by both individuals and organizations. Pennsylvania's highest honor, the F. Otto Haas Award, is given in recognition of outstanding contributions to preservation made by an individual or group. Other awards recognize preservation initiatives, construction projects, and archaeology projects.

"The annual preservation awards demonstrate that Pennsylvanians truly care about our history and the places that signify our shared past," said Rob Kinsley, president of Preservation Pennsylvania. "Each of these award winners has a story to tell about dedication, perseverance, and creativity in making history come alive in our communities. Whether it is through programs to help us understand our heritage or through breathing new life into historic buildings and structures, these awards celebrate what is special about Pennsylvania."

This year's award recipients are:

## F. OTTO HAAS AWARD

### **Rick Sebak, WQED Pittsburgh**

Awarded for Rick's outstanding work in promoting the appreciation of our recent past historic resources. Rick has dedicated over twenty years to exploring unusual and outrageous American places and personalities winning over countless fans and critical acclaim.

## INITIATIVES

### *Community Involvement*

- **Eagles Mere General Store, Eagles Mere (Sullivan County)**

Awarded to Eagles Mere Historic Village, Inc. for the rehabilitation of this important building within the historic community of Eagles Mere. Architect: McKissick Associates PC.

### *Communications*

- **"Borough of Carlisle Historic District, A Reference Guide for Property Owners," Carlisle (Cumberland County)**

For the development and production of a user-friendly guide to historic properties and their preservation within the Borough of Carlisle. Project Consultants: R. A. Lack, Architecture and Design, Inc.; LeVan Design

### *Government*

- **Clarion County Jail, Clarion (Clarion County)**

Awarded to the Commissioners of Clarion County for their commitment to the preservation and reuse of their historic jail building that now serves as an OEM center for the area. Architect: EADS Architects, Inc.

### *Stewardship*

- **Millersburg Train Station, Millersburg (Dauphin County)**

Awarded to the Historical Society of Millersburg & Upper Paxton Township for their long dedication to overseeing the restoration/rehabilitation of this important railroad building in Millersburg. Architect: McKissick Associates PC

## ARCHAEOLOGY PROJECT

- **Blacklog Narrows at US 522, Orbisonia (Huntingdon County)**

Awarded to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation District 9 for the archaeological investigations of an industrial site along Route 522. Project Consultant: Heberling Associates, Inc.

## CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

### *Single Family Residential/House Museums*

- **Brewers Row, 1106 & 1108 Voskamp Street, 1015, 1017, 1019 1021, 1023, & 1025 Vinial Street, Pittsburgh (Allegheny County)**

Awarded for the collaborative efforts of the Northside Leadership Conference and the Spring Garden Community Council to rehabilitate 8 rowhouses in Pittsburgh's Northside. Architect: Desmone & Associates Architects

### *Public/Institutional*

- **Gettysburg Railroad Station, Gettysburg (Adams County)**

Awarded to Gettysburg Borough for the rehabilitation of the station where Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address in 1863. Architect: John Milner Architects, Inc.

- **Hazleton Senior High School, Hazleton (Luzerne County)**

Awarded to the Hazleton School District for undertaking the rehabilitation of a former high school and converting it into an intermediate elementary school instead of demolishing the historic school and building a new facility. Architect: McKissick Associates PC

- **St. Mary's Hospital, Philadelphia**

Awarded to the North County Conservancy; Neumann Senior Housing Corporation for the conversion of the former St. Mary's hospital into 69 affordable senior housing units. Architect: Cecil Baker and Partners Architects

### *Commercial/Industrial*

- **Buildings 7, 10, 12, 15 & 543, Philadelphia Naval Shipyard, Philadelphia**

Awarded to Urban Outfitters for the reuse and rehabilitation of five former Naval Shipyard buildings into a new corporate campus for their apparel and house wares retail business. Architect: Meyer, Scherer and Rockcastle

- **Hotel Fauchere, Milton (Pike County)**

Awarded to Sean Strub and Richard Snyder for the rehabilitation and reopening of this historic hotel, once again welcoming guests as it did from 1880 – 1977. Architect: Steven Harris Architects

- **Majestic Theatre, Gettysburg (Adams County)**

Awarded to Gettysburg College for the rehabilitation of this historic downtown theatre including the restoration of many historic interior features. Architect: John Milner Architects, Inc.

- **W. F. Reynolds & Co. Bank Building, Bellefonte (Centre County)**

Awarded to the Centre County Commissioners for the rehabilitation and conversion of this historic bank building into a courthouse annex and retaining its important historic details. Architect: HPArchitects

- **Rosenbaum Tobacco Warehouse, Lancaster (Lancaster County)**

Awarded to John DeVitry for the conversion of an historic tobacco warehouse to an upscale arts hotel in downtown Lancaster. Architect: Stuart & Associates Architects

Preservation Pennsylvania is the Commonwealth's only statewide not-for-profit organization dedicated to preserving Pennsylvania's historic places through creative partnerships, targeted educational and advocacy programs, and advisory assistance.

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, the state's historic preservation office, administers state and federal historic preservation programs including the National Register of Historic Places, the certification of historic rehabilitation projects for federal investment tax credits, archaeology, state and federal compliance, and the Keystone Preservation Grant Program.

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