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## Architecture Week, April 9-14: A Celebration Throughout the State

*Minneapolis, Minnesota* – AIA Minnesota joins in the AIA national celebration of 150 years, through events and exhibits during Architecture Week, April 9-14, 2007, including a week-long exhibit at the Capitol of over 90 projects exemplifying livable communities statewide, 45 architecture firm open houses on April 12, and a 5K Run on April 14. The events are both educational and celebratory, aiming to create awareness of the role of the architect in our communities.

### Ten Livability Principles

1. Design on a Human Scale
2. Provide Choices
3. Encourage Mixed-Use Development
4. Preserve Urban Centers
5. Vary Transportation Options
6. Build Vibrant Public Spaces
7. Create a Neighborhood Identity
8. Protect Environmental Resources
9. Conserve Landscapes
10. Design Matters

### Capitol Exhibit, April 9-13

The exhibit features local 90 projects by Minnesota architects that fulfill one or more of the AIA's 10 Principles for a Livable Community (see left). The response from AIA Minnesota architecture firms to AIA Minnesota's Call For Entries was huge, creating a wide representation of projects, locations, and livability principles. The exhibit, open Monday, April 9 through Friday, April 13, 8am -5pm and located in the North Corridor, also features AIA Minnesota's Minnesota Design Team (MDT) projects and several buildings on AIA Minnesota's list of 150-year-old buildings in the state. Contact Emily Dowd for more information, [dowd@aia-mn.org](mailto:dowd@aia-mn.org)

### Firm Open Houses, April 12, 4:00 – 8:00pm

Forty-five firms statewide will be opening their doors from 4:00 – 8:00pm on Thursday, April 12 to the public, offering a behind-the-scenes look at what goes on at a firm, tours of offices, displays of projects, and an opportunity to find out more about what an architect does. Firms participating include three St. Cloud firms, four Duluth firms and firms in the metro area in the Minneapolis Warehouse District, Downtown Minneapolis, Northeast Minneapolis, Downtown St. Paul, Loring Park, Linden Hills and more. For a map and addresses of firms, see [www.aia-mn.org/aia150](http://www.aia-mn.org/aia150).

### Stone to Stainless 5K Run, April 14, 2:00pm

The run route takes racers past several of Minneapolis' most impressive architecture, including the Guthrie, the Weisman Museum, Mill City Museum and more. It's a great opportunity to get out and enjoy the spring weather while taking advantage of the great paths along the Mississippi River. The race starts and finishes at the south side of Stone Arch Bridge at Mill Ruins Park. Racers should arrive no later than 1:45pm on Saturday, April 14. Pre-registration is \$15 and will be \$20 on race day. Visit [www.aia-mn.org/aia150](http://www.aia-mn.org/aia150) to download the entry form.

AIA national, founded in New York in 1857, has provided grants to components nationwide to carryout legacy projects that enhance their cities. AIA Minnesota and its chapters AIA Minneapolis, AIA Saint Paul and AIA Northern, established in 1892, all received funding for ambitious programs that will tie into community and education efforts and use thousands of architect and citizen volunteer hours to benefit our communities. To learn more about events, go to [www.aia-mn.org/AIA150](http://www.aia-mn.org/AIA150) or contact Ann Voda, AIA150 Champion at [annv@btrarchitects.com](mailto:annv@btrarchitects.com) or Jennifer Gilhoi at AIA Minnesota at [gilhoi@aia-mn.org](mailto:gilhoi@aia-mn.org).

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