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Architecture Minnesota Showcases the Honored and Divine

Minneapolis, Minnesota- *Architecture Minnesota*, the bimonthly magazine of the American Institute of Architects Minnesota (AIA Minnesota) has focused its March/April 2007 issue on the 2006 AIA Minnesota Honor and Divine Detail Awards. These awards are given to the best of the best in Minnesota architecture.

The 2006 Honor Awards jurors - Ann Beha, FAIA, Michael McInturf, AIA, and Pierre Thibault, RAIC, met in November to jury the 147 submissions. The jury was particularly drawn to projects that interacted in some way with the landscape, as well as projects designed with limited resources. Half of the winning projects are featured in the current issue of *Architecture Minnesota*, and the other half will be featured in the May/June magazine. Don't miss descriptions of seven of the winning projects in the March/April issue including: The Benedicta Arts Center, TEMPO, St. Croix Lutheran High School Chapel, Tria House, University of Alaska Museum of the North, Eye-Pod, and Breck School Commons.

In addition to the Honor and Divine Detail Awards, the March/April issue takes a deeper look at landscape architecture and includes the annual Landscape Architecture Firm directory. The feature includes the Nicollet Commons project in Burnsville and an Urban Garden on a redeveloped block in Minneapolis' Mill District.

Don't miss the Departments in this issue of *Architecture Minnesota*. Culture Crawl takes a look at events happening around Minnesota in celebration of Earth Day. *The Architecture of Happiness* by Alain de Botton is featured in Speed Reading. Phillip Koski, AIA, muses on the past and future of Minneapolis' Foshay Tower in Notebook, father-and-son duo Leonard and Aaron Parker are featured in Alter Ego. Material Matters takes a deeper look at the growing popularity rusty-colored Cor-ten steel. Golden Valley City Council Member Bob Shaffer, AIA, is featured as March/April's Citizen Architect, and Place showcases Lynn Geesman's photo of a beloved European landscape.

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