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St. Abbey's Church

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Architecture Minnesota Gets Energy-Conscious

Minneapolis, Minnesota - *Architecture Minnesota*, the bimonthly magazine of the American Institute of Architects Minnesota (AIA Minnesota), focuses its January/February 2008 issue on Energy Design. With several Minnesota projects in the forefront of the wave of energy-conscious design, *Architecture Minnesota* focuses on two terrific examples. The first is Perkins + Will's new project, the Great River Energy headquarters. The second is the new Red Stag Supper Club in Minneapolis, recently renovated by Studio 2030. Both projects go to great lengths to achieve energy efficiency, with amazing success.

Also featured in the January/February 2008 issue are two new VJAA projects at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota. The first is the 2007 Honor Award winning Petter's Pavilion expansion to the St. John's Abbey Chapter House. The second is the new 21st-century St. John's Abbey Guesthouse, which gracefully fulfills the requirements of the sixth-century Rule of St. Benedict for the accommodation of guests.

Also included in this issue is *Culture Crawl*, featuring three great ideas for an evening on the town. *Fiction*, but Philip Koski, AIA, continues with Part Two of First Avenue North. *Platform* looks at a furniture design exhibition at Carleton College, and *Wayfarer* features Tom Meyer's, FAIA, recent trip to Hamburg, Germany. Tom DeAngelo's, FAIA, *Insight* column takes a comic look at what went into designing the Guthrie Theater. Photographer and designer Katrin Loss finds architectural expression at the edge of a Minnesota lake in winter, featured in *Place*.

Also be sure to check out a special book excerpt from Tom Fisher, Assoc. AIA, and the dean of the University of Minnesota's College of Design. He shares an excerpt from his forthcoming book *Architectural Design and Ethics*. The January/February 2008 also provides readers with a Directory of Consulting Engineering firms.

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