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**"Near & Far"
Global Architecture Theme for *Architecture Minnesota*
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Minneapolis, Minnesota— Focusing on architecture worldwide, the latest issue of *Architecture Minnesota* highlights five outstanding projects from around the globe by Minnesota firms. This issue of the award-winning magazine, published by the American Institute of Architects Minnesota, explores the themes of regional design, cross-cultural collaboration and sustainable building practices.

Under the leadership of new editor Christopher Hudson, the November– December edition profiles 2004 AIA Minnesota Gold Medalist Victor C. Gilberston, FAIA, and features a selection of his watercolor paintings of Minnesota courthouses. Media artist and AIA Minnesota 2004 Convention speaker Christian Moeller discusses his installations, which integrate architecture with audio and visual media. The book *Good Deeds, Good Design: Community Service Through Architecture*, edited by Bryan Bell, is reviewed and the two winners of this year's AIA Minnesota 25-Year Award—New Melleray Abbey and Cedar Square West—are noted. In addition, the fate of an 1870s mansion on the campus of St. Mary's University in Winona is addressed in the Endangered column.

The global projects profiled in this edition include:

- The sculptural Kingdom Centre in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- The renovated, posh Hotel Donaldson in Fargo, North Dakota
- The light-filled Anchorage International Airport
- A public library in Denton, Texas, transformed from a big-box grocery store
- The vibrant Sony Gallery in Shanghai, China

The magazine also features two articles on cross-cultural collaboration; one showcases four Minnesota firms that frequently partner with clients and firms from other cultures, the second explores a multicultural building experience in Canada. Also appearing in this Near & Far edition is an India travelogue that examines sustainable building practices and the delicate balance between tradition and innovation in that country. The issue concludes with a directory of General Contractors.

As the primary public outreach tool of AIA Minnesota, *Architecture Minnesota* is published to inform the public about architecture designed by AIA Minnesota members and to communicate the spirit and value of quality architecture to both the public and the membership.

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