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## **Residential Architects' Vision & Excellence Awards Offer Opportunity to Learn About Architecture**

*Minneapolis, Minnesota* – Award-winning residential architecture projects by Minnesota architects will be featured at the third annual RAVE – Residential Architects' Vision & Excellence – Awards Celebration at Solera in downtown Minneapolis on Thursday, June 1. The American Institute of Architects (AIA) Minnesota and *Mpls.St.Paul Magazine*, creators of the awards program, are pleased to welcome the jurors Jayne Haugen Olson, senior editor, *Mpls.St.Paul Magazine*, Dennis Wedlick, AIA, and Bruce Abrahamson, FAIA, as speakers for the evening.

Haugen Olson and Abrahamson will be sharing their insight and discussion of the RAVE Awards, juried earlier that same day, Thursday, June 1. The projects will be representative of new and remodeled homes and a variety of project types, scale and cost.

Wedlick, New York residential architect and author of the *Good Home*, will be discussing the history of home. Acclaimed for his innovative residential architecture, Wedlick has been quietly building a reputation for his approach to historic preservation work. He will talk in detail about his experiences and provide insights into several of his noted architectural and landscape preservation projects including landmark residential properties designed by McKim, Mead, and White and Philip Johnson, as well as share his personal views on the value of preserving our culturally significant residential communities and landscapes.

The event begins with a 6:30p.m. reception, book signing and display of the work of several local residential firms who entered the RAVE competition, followed by Wedlick's presentation and the announcement of the RAVE Award winners. Tickets are required and the cost is \$20 per person. Go to [www.aia-mn.org](http://www.aia-mn.org) for more information and to purchase your tickets.

Look for the RAVE Awards to be featured in the August issue of *Mpls.St.Paul Magazine* on newsstands mid-July.

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