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EXCELLENCE IN PRESERVATION AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The Guaranty Building and Hodgson Russ Among Those Honored

ALBANY, NY – May 3, 2010 – The Preservation League of New York State has selected **the Guaranty Building** in Buffalo to receive an award for Excellence in Historic Preservation.

The League's statewide awards program honors notable achievements in retaining, promoting and reusing New York State's irreplaceable architectural heritage.

"Adler & Sullivan's Guaranty Building (also called The Prudential Building), completed in 1895, is known as one of the finest office buildings in the country. Despite restoration achievements in the 1980s, stewardship of the landmark building declined and by the late 1990s its future was uncertain," said Jay DiLorenzo, President of the Preservation League. "The law firm Hodgson Russ purchased the landmark in 2002, and with vision, leadership and unflagging commitment to both the Guaranty Building and Buffalo's downtown, spent the next seven years on exterior and interior restoration."

Contributing to the success of this project were Hodgson Russ LLP; Flynn Battaglia Architects; Gensler Architecture; GPS, a division of LPCiminelli; Morris Masonry; and M/E Engineering, all of Buffalo; and Boston Valley Terra Cotta of Orchard Park.

Gary M. Schober, president and CEO of Hodgson Russ, said, "We are honored that Catherine Schweitzer and all our other friends at Preservation Buffalo Niagara nominated our firm to receive this prestigious award, and we are delighted to have been among those selected to receive it. Today our renovations are nearly complete, and we are proud to be part of the resurgence of downtown Buffalo. Our firm looks forward to having the opportunity to continue to foster and maintain the Guaranty Building, one our country's most important architectural treasures, for years to come."

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The award will be presented at the Preservation League's Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony in New York City at 6:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, May 12th** at the historic **New York Yacht Club, 37 West 44th Street**.

The complete list of award winners is: William S. Hackett Middle School, Albany; The Belmont Hotel, Allegany County; Walkway over the Hudson, Poughkeepsie; The Guaranty Building, Buffalo; The American Museum of Natural History, 77th Street Façades, New York; Empire State Building Lobby Restoration, New York; Oswego Public Library, Oswego; West Hall at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy. ***Looking for Work: Industrial Archeology in Columbia County, New York*** by Peter H. Stott (Syracuse University Press, 2007) will be honored as an outstanding publication. Senator David Valesky and Assemblymember Sam Hoyt, Legislative sponsors of the New York State Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program, will be honored for individual excellence.

“Excellence in Preservation Awards are our principal means of honoring the preservation community and educating the public about the important contribution that historic preservation projects make to our quality of life throughout New York State,” said DiLorenzo. “Each year, we are impressed by the number and variety of laudable projects, and this year was no exception. We are delighted to give The Guaranty Building the statewide recognition it deserves.”

The Preservation League's Excellence in Historic Preservation awards program is funded by a generous grant from the Arthur F. and Alice E. Adams Foundation of Miami, Florida.

By leading a statewide preservation movement, sharing information and expertise and raising a unified voice, the Preservation League of New York State promotes historic preservation as a tool to revitalize our neighborhoods and communities, honor our heritage and enrich our lives.

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