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THE SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIANS' 75TH ANNIVERSARY GALA RAISES MORE THAN \$100,000

200 Lovers of Architecture Convened Nov. 6 to Honor Renowned Architecture Journalist Paul Goldberger, Architect T. Gunny Harboe and Preservation Advocate Richard Longstreth

CHICAGO – The **Society of Architectural Historians** (SAH) capped its 75th anniversary year with the 6th annual Awards for Architectural Excellence gala Friday, Nov. 6 at the Woman's Athletic Club (626 North Michigan Ave.) Approximately 200 fervent fans of historic architecture came together as SAH celebrated the careers of Pulitzer Prize-winning architecture critic **Paul Goldberger**, architect **T. Gunny Harboe** and preservation advocate **Richard Longstreth**, a past president of SAH.

This year's gala co-chairs were **Thomas Beeby**, FAIA, **Kirsten Beeby** and **Tom Rossiter**, FAIA. The event featured an exclusive tour of the Woman's Athletic Club, a cocktail reception with an auction, and the awards presentation.

"We are so grateful to our many supporters for their commitment to support the Society of Architectural Historians," said **Pauline Saliga**, executive director of SAH. "This year's celebration exceeded our expectations in every way. We had guests join us from across the country, and thanks to their generosity, we raised vitally needed funds to help us continue to do the important work we do to ensure that great structures are conserved and appreciated."

SAH is a non-profit that promotes the study, interpretation and conservation of architecture, design, landscapes and urbanism worldwide. The Awards Gala is one of the many special events that the Society hosts each year. SAH is headquartered in Chicago's National Historic Landmark Charnley-Persky House (1891–92), one of the few extant Louis Sullivan and Frank Lloyd Wright residences.

About the Awards

The Awards for Architectural Excellence began in 2010 and represent a unique coming together of architectural practice and academic study. The proceeds from the Awards Gala benefit the Society's educational mission and the ongoing restoration of the Charnley-Persky House.

About the Honorees

Paul Goldberger was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Distinguished Criticism for his work at *The New York Times*. He is currently a contributing editor at *Vanity Fair* and the Joseph Urban Chair in Design and Architecture at The New School. Goldberg was the former dean of the Parsons

School of Design in New York City. Golberger is the author of several books, including *Why Architecture Matters, Building Up and Tearing Down: Reflections on the Age of Architecture* and the forthcoming *Building Art: The Life and Work of Frank Gehry.* His numerous awards include the President's Medal of the Municipal Art Society of New York, the medal of the American Institute of Architects and the Medal of Honor of the New York Landmarks Preservation Foundation for what the Foundation called "the nation's most balanced, penetrating and poetic analyses of architecture and design." He is a Life Member of the Society of Architectural Historians.

T. Gunny Harboe founded his own architecture firm, Harboe Architects, a Chicago-based firm, in 2006. The firm specializes in sustainable design and historic preservation. Harboe has gained a national reputation for his award-winning restorations of the Rookery Building (Burnham and Root, 1888) and the Reliance Building (Burnham, 1895). He has been the preservation architect for many iconic modern masterpieces, including Mies van der Rohe's S.R. Crown Hall and 860-880 Lake Shore Drive Apartments; Frank Lloyd Wright's Robie House, Unity Temple, and Taliesin West; and Louis Sullivan's Carson Pirie Scott & Co. Store. The American Institute of Architects named Harboe a "2001 Young Architect" and *Chicago Magazine* named him "Chicagoan of the Year" in 2010. Harboe currently serves as the vice president of the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on 20th Century Heritage.

Architectural historian **Richard Longstreth** is a professor of American Studies, director of the Graduate Program in Historic Preservation at The George Washington University and the current president of the Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy. Longstreth worked for the Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission and taught at Kansas State University. He has written extensively on architecture in the U.S. from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. His *City Center to Regional Mall* and *The Drive-In, the Supermarket, and the Transformation of Commercial Space in Los Angeles 1914–1941* won four national awards in the fields of architectural history, urban history and historic preservation. He currently chairs the Maryland Governor's Consulting Committee on the National Register of Historic Places. Longstreth served as president of the Society of Architectural Historians from 1998 to 2000 and is a Life Member of SAH.

About the Society of Architectural Historians

Founded in 1940, the Society of Architectural Historians is a nonprofit membership organization that promotes the study, interpretation and conservation of architecture, design, landscapes and urbanism worldwide. SAH serves a network of local, national and international institutions and individuals who, by vocation or avocation, focus on the built environment and its role in shaping contemporary life. SAH promotes meaningful public engagement with the history of the built environment through advocacy efforts, print and online publications, and local, national and international programs. Learn more at sah.org.

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