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Chicago Architecture Foundation (CAF) Selected as American Architectural Foundation's 2014 Keystone Laureate *CAF to be Honored at AAF's 25th Annual Accent on Architecture Gala in Washington, D.C.*

WASHINGTON, D.C., December 4, 2013—The [American Architectural Foundation](http://www.archfoundation.org) (AAF) will present the [Chicago Architecture Foundation](http://www.chicagoarchitecturefoundation.org) (CAF) with its 2014 Keystone Award at AAF's 25th annual Accent on Architecture Gala in Washington, D.C., on Thursday, April 24, 2014. AAF's Board of Regents presents the Keystone Award annually to an individual or organization from outside architectural practice for exemplary design leadership that improves lives and transforms communities.

For almost 50 years, Chicago has been home to one of the world's leading architecture organizations—the Chicago Architecture Foundation (CAF). This non-profit organization's mission is to inspire people to discover why design matters, and it does this through more than 85 types of architecture tours, as well as groundbreaking exhibitions, national curricula, publications and youth and adult education programs. One of the top 10 cultural organizations in Chicago, CAF was ranked the #1 "Best Thing to Do in Chicago" by *US News & World Report* (2012).

CAF welcomes more than 500,000 guests to Chicago annually, providing them with a new lens through which to view their neighborhoods, cities and surroundings. In addition, the organization engages directly and indirectly with more than 45,000 students and teachers internationally, using architecture as a method to learn science, technology, engineering, art and math. CAF's Open House Chicago program is now in its third year and is tied with New York's for producing the country's largest architectural festival, with an audience of more than 50,000. CAF is a vital international resource for discussions, exhibitions, programs, competitions, mentoring and studios surrounding all aspects of architecture and design and as a result founded with AAF and the American Institute of Architects (AIA) the Association of Architecture Organizations (AAO). CAF is the headquarters for AAO.

According to AAF President and CEO Ron Bogle, Hon. AIA, "The Chicago Architecture Foundation is a treasure not just for the residents of Chicago and visitors to that great architectural city, but for all those working around the world to enrich lives through architecture and design. CAF's leadership and commitment to helping fellow architecture and design educators and organizations succeed epitomizes what it means to be a great partner."

"We are honored to be among the elite list of recipients of this prestigious award," said CAF President and CEO Lynn Osmond. "CAF staff, trustees and volunteers have worked incredibly hard to make CAF the leading organization of its kind in the world. Receiving recognition from the American Architectural Foundation signifies that we are making a profound impact globally to inspire people to discover why design matters."

The American Architectural Foundation established the Keystone Award in 1999. Past recipients include, among others, former Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley, former Miami Mayor Manny Diaz, Mayor Joseph P. Riley Jr. of Charleston, S.C., the Museum of Modern Art (MOMA), Save America's Treasures, the philanthropic Pritzker family of Chicago, the Office of the Commissioner of the Public Buildings Service of the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), Amanda M. Burden, chair of the NYC Planning Commission and director of the NYC Department of City Planning and the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC).

ABOUT THE AMERICAN ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION

Established in 1943, the American Architectural Foundation (AAF) is a national nonprofit organization headquartered in Washington, D.C. In the past decade alone, AAF has worked directly with civic leaders representing every major city and most mid-sized cities in the United States to address the challenges and leverage the opportunities of design in their cities. Through its programs, AAF serves as a national platform, information center and collaborative hub for those leaders working on the ground in cities across the country to use the design of place as a means to improve lives and transform their communities. www.archfoundation.org

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