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MEDINAH TEMPLE/TREE STUDIOS RESTORATION AWARDED THE RICHARD H. DRIEHAUS FOUNDATION PRESIDENT'S AWARD

CHICAGO—Landmarks Illinois has selected Friedman Properties' restoration of Medinah Temple and Tree Studios as the recipient of the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation President's Award. The groundbreaking project saved an entire historic block, preserving what Landmarks Illinois calls "a rare surviving example of the human-scaled development of centuries past."

"Medinah Temple and Tree Studios are a testament to the importance preserving our architectural heritage," said Albert Friedman, President of Friedman Properties. "Friedman Properties is grateful for the support we received from the City of Chicago, the State of Illinois and groups like the Landmarks Illinois who helped us save these invaluable structures."

Medinah Temple and Tree Studios faced imminent demolition in 1999, prompting the World Monuments Fund to list both buildings among the top hundred most endangered structures in the world. In response to public outcry, the City of Chicago partnered with Friedman Properties, the city's leading urban preservation firm. With the help of local and federal tax incentives, Friedman Properties developed a plan to restore the entire historic block and ensure its future economic viability.

Today, the redevelopment of Medinah Temple and Tree Studios is considered a national model for how public-private partnerships can be used to enable preservation. Friedman Properties will be honored at the Landmarks Illinois awards program on Saturday, October 27th. For more information, visit www.landmarks.org.



Photos of Medinah Temple and Tree Studios by Mark Samuels. For high resolution images, please contact Katy Murphy.

Friedman Properties' leadership in preservation and responsible urban planning have made it one of Chicago's most respected real estate development firms. The company is currently beginning nearly \$1 billion in new, mixed-use construction located in the heart of the company's holdings in River North's thriving Courthouse District.

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