

## 2017 Preservation Award Winners

### Education Award

#### King Studios Traveling Suitcases Program

- The Traveling Suitcases program represents a collaborative effort between Xavier University and the Evanston neighborhood, designed to share the remarkable cultural and social legacy of King Records Studios with students in Cincinnati schools.
- Fabricated by the Cincinnati Museum Center, the suitcases are a set of five different kits filled with replica historical objects and lesson plans in key subject areas, aligned to Ohio Content Standards.
- They contain curricula developed by a group of classroom teachers and XU professor Dr. Christine Anderson in one of five subject areas: Great Migration, Civil Rights, Science, Math and Music.
- Eight years in the making, the project drew on community and teacher feedback to ensure they would be relevant in today's classroom.
- K-12 Cincinnati teachers can check out a suitcase for a week at a time free of charge from local nonprofit Crayons to Computers.
- The project was led by the King Studio's Education Committee, and supported with funding by the Elsa Heisel Sule Foundation and the Dater Foundation.

[http://www.exhibit.xavier.edu/king\\_studios/](http://www.exhibit.xavier.edu/king_studios/)

<http://www.soapboxmedia.com/devnews/100317-king-studios-traveling-suitcase.aspx>

### Rehabilitation Awards

#### Baldwin Building

655 Eden Park Drive, Walnut Hills

National Register of Historic Places

<http://www.thebaldwin.com/>

CASTO/Neyer Properties, developers

Cincinnati Historic Landmark, National Register of Historic Places

- Located in Walnut Hills across from Eden Park, the Baldwin building was built in the early 1920s and was the home of more than 2,000 employees who produced 11,000 pianos in its first five years.
- After the company moved out in 1961, the building remained largely vacant until it was converted to office space in 1987.

- After falling vacant once again, the landmark building has now been converted to 176 luxury apartment units
- The top-to-bottom renovation retains the building's industrial character, exposing the original structural columns and concrete ceilings.
- New, operable, industrial-style windows that resemble the originals were installed, replacing ones installed in the 80s renovation.
- The ambitious 2-year project utilized state and federal historic tax incentives.

<http://www.thebaldwin.com/>

### **Lincoln Grant Scholar House**

**8<sup>th</sup> and Greenup streets, Covington**

**National Register of Historic Places, KY African American Heritage Site**

<http://www.nkcac.org/services/lincoln-grant-scholar-house-2/>

- Located in Covington's historic Eastside neighborhood, the WPA-era Lincoln Grant School served the city's African-American students from 1932-1965, when the state desegregated all public schools.
- The Art Deco-style brick building on Greenup Street later served as a community center, then was vacated and fell into disrepair.
- The National Register-listed building has now been renovated by the Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission (NKCAC) as a Scholar House, providing 25 apartments and support services for single parents seeking post-secondary education.
- Compatible new housing built on-site, behind the main building, provides another 20 apartment units.
- The project followed Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings

<https://www.facebook.com/LincolnGrantScholarHouse/>

### **Memorial Hall**

**1225 Elm Street, Over-the-Rhine**

**Over-the-Rhine Historic District**

- The Hamilton County Memorial Building was built in 1908 as a memorial to war veterans and pioneers of Hamilton County.
- Located on Washington Park, the stone Beaux Arts Classical hall was designed by Samuel Hannaford & Sons: coincidentally, the Hannaford firm also designed neighboring Music Hall 3 decades earlier.
- After decades of activity, the hall fell into disuse and was saved from demolition when a million dollars was raised for restoration.

- In 2015-2016, 3CDC, Hamilton County and the Cincinnati Memorial Hall Society undertook a much more extensive restoration using historic tax credits.
- The work brought much-needed upgrades to the venerable building, including air conditioning, modern restrooms, a modern catering kitchen, theatrical and audio/visual upgrades as well as historic restoration throughout.
- The fully renovated building now welcomes the public to a full schedule of performances and civic and special events.

<https://www.memorialhallotr.com/>

### **Rabbit Hash General Store**

**10021 Lower River Road, Burlington, KY**

**Built 1830s, rebuilt 2016**

**National Register of Historic Places, Rabbit Hash Historic District**

- In February 2016, residents watched in horror as flames consumed the 186-year-old Rabbit Hash General Store, considered the heart of the famed quirky, riverfront community.
- The next day residents vowed to rebuild the store with authentic materials in order to maintain its treasured spot on the [National Register of Historic Places](#).
- "We salvaged studding, siding, shelving, flooring, the porch overhang, rear door, front center door, window frames, and more," Duane Doyle, vice president of the Rabbit Hash Historical Society, told WCPO.
- Era pieces were donated or brought in to replace the artifacts consumed in the fire.
- In April 2017 the store reopened, less than 15 months after it almost burned to the ground.

<https://www.rabbithash.com/>

<http://www.wcpo.com/news/local-news/boone-county/rabbit-hash/see-how-rabbit-hash-general-store-has-changed-and-stayed-the-same>

### **“Wildwood,” Groesbeck Lodge**

**Cincinnati Nature Center**

**4949 Tealtown Rd, Milford**

**National Register of Historic Places**

- “Wildwood,” the country home of Grace and Glendenning Groesbeck in Rowe Woods has been transformed into the Cincinnati Nature Center’s Center for Conservation.

- Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the 1920s English Revival stone residence was designed by architects Guy Burroughs and John Henri Deekin.
- It features landscape design by garden designer Gertrude Jekyll and metalwork by Marie Zimmerman.
- The renovation of the house and grounds included restoration of the slate roof and stone walls as well as new mechanical systems and energy upgrades.
- Much of the historically significant ironwork produced by Zimmerman has been preserved and can be seen inside and outside the lodge.
- A large deck added to the rear of the building provides outdoor space for the center's conferences and events and generates revenue when used for private functions.
- The lodge now provides offices for the Department of Conservation's staff and volunteers, as well as space for research labs and group meetings.

<http://www.cincynature.org/conservation/center-for-conservation-and-stewardship/about-1/>

### **Strietmann Center**

**235 West Twelfth Street, Over-the-Rhine Historic District**

**Grandin Properties, developer**

- The **Strietmann Center**, a star of preservation, is ready for its closeup.
- In 1899 the company built its headquarters beside the canal, where they turned out biscuits, crackers and pastries.
- The building was expanded three times as the company grew, eventually reaching 88,000 sf
- When the company relocated in 1943, the building was largely abandoned
- In 2014 Hollywood came calling and the building starred in the movie *Carol*, playing the offices of the *New York Times*
- The massive OTR building has now been completely renovated by Grandin Properties as office and conference/event space, using historic tax incentives.
- Windows and pressed tin ceilings were repaired when possible, new storefronts added, and the wooden office partitions preserved.
- The Strietmann is the 1<sup>st</sup> building in Cincinnati's urban core to feature solar roofing, with LEED silver certification anticipated.

<http://www.thestrietmann.com/history/>

### **Artichoke OTR**

**1824 Elm Street, Over-the-Rhine**

**Over-the-Rhine Historic District**

**Artichoke Properties, LLC, developer**

- Formerly housing an awning company, secondhand shop and liquor store, this c. 1885 Italianate building at Findlay Market has been thoughtfully and imaginatively renovated as a gourmet cookware store and two upper-floor apartments.
- In 2015 Brad and Karen Hughes acquired the long-vacant, deteriorated building from the City of Cincinnati and began an ambitious renovation.
- The work followed Over-the-Rhine historic district guidelines while meeting structural and code challenges with a modern flair.
- In the store, structural box frames compensate for out-of-square storefront windows, a ramp accommodates changes in level, and a new south window adds light and visibility.
- Steel galleries and a screened metal stair tower provide upper-floor access: their location, material and proportions a nod to the galleries and fire escapes of OTR tenement buildings while meeting modern code and safety requirements.

[www.Artichokeotr.com](http://www.Artichokeotr.com)