



Chad Roberts, Executive Director
Lawshe Memorial Museum
130 Third Avenue North
South St. Paul, MN 55075

651-552-7548
chad.roberts@co.dakota.mn.us
www.dakotahistory.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Architecture as Art – *ARTitecture* Opens at Burnsville Performing Arts Center

January 6, 2011, South St. Paul/Burnsville, MN – Created both to protect and inspire us, architecture is a science and art combined to make our lives easier, safer, and more enjoyable. Join the Dakota County Historical Society as it presents the opening of the new exhibit *ARTitecture* at the Burnsville Performing Arts Center, 12600 Nicollet Ave., Burnsville, Minnesota, on Thursday, January 20, 2011 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. With a focus primarily on architecture in Dakota County, featured artists Andrew Hill and Brandon Stengel share their different perspectives on the beauty of the man-made places that so shape our everyday lives. Hill and Stengel present 30 unique photographs featuring everything from bridges to homes to the new Guthrie Theater and Target Field.

In addition to our featured artists, a collage of new and historic images of favorite places across Dakota County will be exhibited. The last component of the exhibition is a preview of *John Henry Howe: Architect*, and exhibit that will be opening this summer at the Lawshe Memorial Museum in South St. Paul.

Admission is free and refreshments will be served. For more information please call (651) 552-7548. This is a presentation of the Dakota County Historical Society.

While reservations are not required, RSVPs are appreciated. To RSVP, contact the Burnsville Performing Arts Center at (952) 895-4685.

About Andrew Hill

Andrew Hill is a freelance designer and photographer working out of historic Hastings, Minnesota. He has a passion for historic subjects and has focused for several years on digitally combining historic images with new photographs. A number of his "Then and Now" combinations are included in the *ARTitecture* exhibition. See www.middletoncreative.com.

About Brandon Stengel

An architect by trade, Brandon Stengel is a true artist behind the camera. His work features crisp colors and composition that brings out the dramatic beauty of even derelict structures. His work in *ARTitecture* features both old and new structures, the most dramatic of which juxtapose both in the same shot. See www.farmkidstudios.com.

About John Henry Howe: Architect

A visionary disciple of Frank Lloyd Wright and a member of Wright's Taliesin Fellowship, Howe created a number of beautiful residences in Dakota County and throughout Minnesota. His work will be featured in an exhibition opening in August 2011 at the Lawshe Memorial Museum in South St. Paul.

About the Dakota County Historical Society

The Dakota County Historical Society has been collecting, preserving, promoting and presenting the history of Dakota County for 72 years. Serving all of Dakota County, the Society provides more than 70 public programs annually at a variety of sites, including the Lawshe Memorial Museum in South St. Paul, the LeDuc Historic Estate in Hastings, and at Dakota County Libraries, government centers, and the Burnsville Performing Arts Center.

For more information contact Chad Roberts, Executive Director, at (651) 552-7548 or chad.roberts@co.dakota.mn.us. For more about DCHS, see website: www.dakotahistory.org or visit us at the Lawshe Memorial Museum at 130 Third Avenue North, South St. Paul, MN 55075.

About the Burnsville Performing Arts Center

The Burnsville Performing Arts Center is located at 12600 Nicollet Ave in the Heart of the City. This new complex opened in January, 2009. The center has two theatres, a 1000-seat Proscenium Stage and an intimate 150-seat Black Box. The lobby is two stories tall, all glass, with a sweeping view of Nicollet Commons Park, the Minnesota River Valley, and the Minneapolis skyline. In addition to the theatres, the Center has a 2,000 square foot art gallery, meeting rooms and a large rehearsal room.

There is additional space for banquets, special events and receptions. Presentations at the Burnsville PAC will range from classical music to comedy, from jazz to Christian rock, from country to rock and roll. There will be dramas, comedies, local arts organizations and national touring artists. There is something for everyone at the BPAC.

For more information see www.burnsvillepac.com.

###