



HERITAGE WINNIPEG

# News & Views

## Special 'Happy Holiday' Edition

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### Moss/Kantor House Fundraiser



Our fall fundraising event was a great success! Supporters came out to enjoy the splendor of this newly restored heritage home. The Fort Rouge area developed in early 1900s as an exclusive residential district for some of the city's most prominent business and professional families. In 1901, architects J. H. Cadham designed the first structure for Jerry Robinson, a storeowner whose premises were located on Main Street, just north of Portage Avenue. Cadham's Georgian Revival styled mansion was a present from Robinson to his daughter when she married Walter P. Moss. In time, Moss became vice-president and general manager of Robinson's. In 1956, Max Kantor and his wife Mireille Grandpierre purchased the home. Mireille Grandpierre was a former ballerina (soloist for Paris Opera) and she converted the ballroom into ballet teaching studio lessons. She lived in the home until her death in 2008. Thank you to our event sponsor Alpha Masonry Ltd. Storm Catering for the wonderful food, Stephanie Ballard's Landscape Dancing and her dancers from Drive Dance Company, and piano player Bert Johnson. Also to our tour guides Megan Wells, Celine Kear and Herbert Stewart. Special thanks to the owners for allowing Heritage Winnipeg to hold their event in their home.



### HW's Annual Preservation Awards

**Monday, February 20th, 2012 (National Heritage Day)**

HW will be holding our 27th Annual Preservation Awards at the historic Barber House located at 99 Euclid Ave. commencing at 2:00 pm. Recognizing owners and architects who have made outstanding contributions to Winnipeg's heritage in the past year. Nominations are still open. Visit our website for nomination forms in three categories: Preservation, Distinguished Service, and Youth Service. If you know someone who has contributed to Winnipeg's heritage this year, we invite you to nominate them!



### YCW Summer Student Program

**Jason Brown, B.A. (Hons) History, U of M**

I have been privileged to work at HW for the past seven months through the Heritage Canada Foundation's Young Canada Works program. Working for HW has given me opportunities and challenges beyond what I have had in my studies. Among others, I was responsible for maintaining the website and producing the newsletter each month. I was also able to help out at Doors Open Winnipeg, HW's AGM, and the Fall Fundraiser. Working here has fostered my interest in local issues and politics

and has allowed me to reflect on the connections between the issues of today and the legacy of the past. Most importantly, it has given me the chance to consider the importance of preserving links to our history so that we can all share and take pride in a common heritage. The past must be public, not restricted to scholars, and built heritage is essential to maintaining a public, usable past. I am departing HW to start a full-time position as a research assistant at Prairie Research Associates.



### New Office Volunteer

**Rui Zhou, B.Env.D. Landscape + Urbanism, U of M**

After obtaining a degree from the Faculty of Architecture, U of M, by becoming a volunteer at HW, I finally had my first professional contact with this beautiful city where I left for four years ago from China. I have travelled to many places in the world and still been attracted by this city's unique turning of the century's built environment. It is the old urban fabrics left from more than a century ago that give the City of Winnipeg its identity. Here at HW, working with people who treasure their built heritage as gems of the city inspires me making my own way to laying down bricks for this city.



### St. Charles Hotel- 235 Notre Dome Ave.



**Appeal – Preliminary Derelict Building Order – 235 Notre Dame (St. Charles Hotel).** The Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management will hear representation on the appeal and adjourned public hearing to its meeting on January 9, 2012 at 9:00 in the Council building.



### Holiday Office Hours

Closed from December 26 2011 to January 3 2012



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at Heritage Winnipeg  
**Happy Holidays!**