



DESIGN PHILOSOPHY

At R.J. Heisenbottle Architects, we strive for a timeless and sustainable architecture that will continue to be enjoyed and appreciated for decades to come. Our designs range from historic restorations and strongly contextual modestly scaled additions to historic buildings, to boldly modern, often sculptural forms of new buildings. Our work is the result of a design philosophy grounded in the belief that each project has its own unique circumstance, context and opportunities and therefore requires its own unique design solution.

The firm has distinguished itself for the restoration of some of Florida's most significant landmarks, including the Gusman Center for Performing Arts, the Colony Theatre, the Freedom Tower and Miami Edison Middle School. We see historic preservation as a viable tool for community revitalization. Our work exemplifies sustainability through our commitment to the conservation of existing cultural and historical resources. We respect these renewable resources by restoring special architectural features and details that make them a unique part of our urban fabric and create a sense of place in the community. Our restoration projects are firmly based on historical accuracy, in strict adherence to the U.S. Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation. It is our restoration goal to stay sensitive and in tune with both the future and the past through functional, adaptive use solutions that will ensure a long, useful life for historic buildings.

Our work designing new buildings begins with an intellectual process which looks to the client's needs and the specific context of the site and function of the building. This approach results in buildings that are seamlessly integrated into their surrounding environment, yet stand out as well-crafted, thoughtful designs. At R.J. Heisenbottle Architects, we believe in the power of architecture to inspire, and endeavor to design new buildings and preserve historic buildings at the highest levels of quality and excellence.