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Career Highlights:

Richard J. Heisenbottle, FAIA is the founding Principal and President of R.J. Heisenbottle Architects, PA located in Coral Gables, Florida with over 40 years of experience in all aspects of architecture, planning and interior design with a specialty in historic preservation. His background focuses on numerous large scale projects with emphasis on governmental, education and theater facilities both in Miami and New York. In 1987, he formed his own firm and has been responsible for numerous award-winning projects throughout the southeastern United States. He is a registered architect in 4 states. He was accorded the Silver Medal for Design from the AIA Miami in 2003. He was elected to the AIA College of Fellows in February 2005.

Today, Mr. Heisenbottle's firm is well known in the State of Florida for the restoration of some of the area's oldest and most prestigious landmarks including the Vizcaya Museum and Gardens, Gusman Center for the Performing Arts, The Colony Theater, the Freedom Tower and the Miami Edison Middle School. He has served as President of AIA Miami and Dade Heritage Trust the area's largest historic preservation organization. He also served as a member of the City of Miami's Historic Preservation Board for over 10 years. As an alumnus of the University of Miami, he remains active in the School of Architecture serving on the Board of Advisors for the School's Masters in Real Estate Development + Urbanism program.

Mr. Heisenbottle's projects have been widely publicized in Architectural Record, the Wall Street Journal, the Miami Herald, Florida Caribbean Architect and Preservation Today Magazine. He has received numerous awards for Excellence in Architecture the Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects, the Miami Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. In 1998 he won a National Preservation Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. He has also been the recipient of numerous Outstanding Preservation Project Awards from the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation.

He has served as President of AIA Miami and Dade Heritage Trust the area's largest historic preservation organization. He also served as a member of the City of Miami's Historic Preservation Board for 10 years and the Coral Gables Historic Preservation Board for 2 years.

Educational Background: BS in Architectural Technology, New York Institute of Technology, 1974
BA in Architecture, University of Miami, 1984
NCARB; Registered Architect in Florida, New York, Alabama, Pennsylvania

Professional Registrations: Registered Architect, Florida AR001513
Registered Architect, New York 0141230-1
Registered Architect, Pennsylvania RA404372
Registered Architect, Alabama CA-0732

Affiliations: University of Miami School of Architecture Masters in Real Estate Development + Urbanism Advisory Board, 2015
American Institute of Architects Fellow, 2005
Dade Heritage Trust - Vice President, 2000-2003; President 2004-2006
National Trust for Historic Preservation - Member
League of Historic American Theaters - Member
City of Miami Historic and Environmental Preservation Board, 1989-1999
City of Coral Gables Historic Preservation Board, 2010-2012
Spillis Candela & Partners, DMJM – Vice President, 1979-1987

Selected Project Publications:

Wall Street Journal
“Historic Florida Hotel Sits on Death Row”
Commercial Real Estate
Kris Hudson | October 9, 2012

Blueprint Directory
Architecture + Design + Real Estate
“Discovering the Lost Colony”
Reggie Ruddock, June/August 2006 pp 46-51

Stage Directions Magazine – Annual Historic Theatre Issue
“Gusman Center for the Performing Arts”, July 2003

“Reinvigorating Our Schools”
American Institute of Architects, 1998. p. 10.

Florida A-E-C; Construction Market Data
A-E-C Interview
“Richard Heisenbottle of R. J. Heisenbottle Architects”
October 1998. pp.17-19.

Construction Market Data - Profiles
“R. J. Heisenbottle, PA, Rebuilding Yesterday for Tomorrow”
Kaye, Nancy. 7 September 1993. pp.1-4.

Preservation Today
“New Freedom for the Tower: Saving Miami’s Historic Skyline”
Thompson-Stewart, Louise. 1990. pp. 7-9.

Architectural Record
“Southern Traditions”
Pearson, Clifford A. March 1990. pp 66-75.

Professional Activities:

Florida Trust 2015 Annual Statewide Conference
“Sustainable Adaptive Use of Historic Buildings: Case Studies of Successful Adaptive Uses of Historic Places into Modern Spaces”

AIA 2010 National Convention Speaker
“A Sense of Place in City Design”

Florida Trust for Historic Preservation
Award Juror 2002, 2009 & 2010

AIA Miami 2010 Design & Technology Seminar Speaker
“Historic Preservation Basics”

11TH National Conference on Planning History
Society for American City and Regional Planning History
Coral Gables, FL | October - 2005

Professional Activities:

AIA Orlando
AIA Awards Juror - 2004, 2013

League of Historic American Theatres - Conference Leader
Miami, FL | July - 2003

League of Historic American Theatres - Conference Chairman
New York, NY | July - 2002

"Planning and Process in Historic Preservation" Workshop/Presentation
League of Historic American Theater's 25th Anniversary Conference
July - 2001

"One United Band"
Film documentary in conjunction with Public Television Channel, WLRN
January - 2000

AIA Miami
Awards Jury Chairman - 1990



AWARDS

- 2015 Best Businesses of Coral Gables Award, Architects Category
- 2015 AIA Miami People's Choice Awards, Glenn H. Curtiss Mansion
- 2015 City of Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce City Beautiful Award, University of Miami Historic Administration Building Restoration
- 2015 Florida Trust for Historic Preservation Award, Outstanding Achievement in Restoration/Rehabilitation Glenn H. Curtiss Mansion Restoration
- 2015 George E. Merrick Award of Excellence Distinguished Honoree
- 2014 AIA Miami, Merit Award of Excellence in Renovation/Restoration, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Restoration
- 2014 Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. Excellence in Construction Award, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Restoration
- 2014 Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce George E. Merrick Award of Excellence
- 2014 Miami-Dade County Historic Preservation Board Exceptional Professional Dedication to Historic Preservation
- 2014 AIA Florida, Honor Award of Excellence for Historic Preservation, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Restoration
- 2014 AIA Florida, Honor Award of Excellence for Historic Preservation University of Miami Historic Administration Building Restoration
- 2014 AIA Florida, Merit Award of Excellence Historic Preservation, Vizcaya Museum and Gardens' East and West Gate Lodges Restoration
- 2014 Florida Trust for Historic Preservation Award, Outstanding Achievement, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Restoration
- 2014 Florida Trust for Historic Preservation Award, Outstanding Achievement, University of Miami Historic Administration Building Restoration
- 2014 Florida Trust for Historic Preservation Award, Outstanding Achievement, Vanderbilt Mansion Restoration
- 2014 Florida Trust for Historic Preservation Award, Honorable Mention in the Field of Urban Infill Design, Cook House Reconstruction Project at the Audubon House and Tropical Garden
- 2014 Dade Heritage Trust Preservation Award, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Restoration
- 2014 Dade Heritage Trust Preservation Award, University of Miami Historic Administration Building Restoration
- 2014 Dade Heritage Trust Preservation Award, Vanderbilt Mansion Restoration

2014 George E. Merrick Award of Excellence Distinguished Honoree

2012 Florida Trust for Historic Preservation, Statewide Preservation Award, Vizcaya Museum and Gardens' East and West Gate Lodges Restoration

2012 Florida Trust for Historic Preservation, Statewide Preservation Award, Villa Serena Restoration

2012 Dade Heritage Trust 2012, Vizcaya Museum and Gardens' East and West Gate Lodges Restoration

2012 Dade Heritage Trust 2012, Villa Serena Restoration

2010 Florida Trust for Historic Preservation, Outstanding Achievement Greynolds Boathouse Restoration

2010 Florida Trust for Historic Preservation, Outstanding Achievement Pinecrest Gardens Entrance Building Restoration

2010 University of Miami School of Architecture Faculty Distinction for Alumni Service

2008 Martin Luther King Spirit of Excellence Award

2007 AIA Florida, Merit Award of Excellence - Colony Theater Restoration

2007 Florida Trust for Historic Preservation Award – Temple Court Apartments

2007 Florida Trust for Historic Preservation Award - Colony Theater – Adaptive Re-use

2007 Miami Design Preservation League - Barbara Capitan Award -Colony Theater Restoration

2006 Dade Heritage Trust Outstanding Preservation Project Award – The Colony Theater

2006 Dade Heritage Trust Outstanding Renovation of an Historic Site – Temple Court Apartments

2005 AIA Miami Award Finalist – Lou Rawls Center for the Performing Arts

2004 Florida Trust for Historic Preservation Award - City of Miami City Hall

2003 AIA Miami Chapter – Silver Medal Award for Design

2003 Biental Miami+Beach Certificate of Award - Gusman Center for the Performing Arts

2003 AIA Florida, Merit Award of Excellence – Gusman Center for the Performing Arts

2003 Florida Trust for Historic Preservation, Florida Preservation Award – Gusman Center for the Performing Arts

2003 Dade Heritage Trust, Outstanding Contribution to Historic Preservation - Pan American Airways Terminal – Miami City Hall

2003 AIA Miami, Award of Excellence for Design – Gusman Center for the Performing Arts

2003 AIA Miami, Award of Merit for Design – Pan American World Airways Terminal-Miami City Hall

2001 Florida Trust for Historic Preservation, Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Preservation Education/Media – “One United Band” the Story of Miami Edison Middle School

1999 Dade Heritage Trust, Outstanding Preservation Project – Gusman Center for the Performing Arts

1999 AIA-Miami Chapter, Historic Preservation Award – Richard J. Heisenbottle, AIA

1998 AIA-Miami Chapter, Award of Excellence –Kings Point Theater for the Performing Arts

1998 AIA-Miami Chapter, Award for Best Renovation Project –Miami Edison Middle School

1998 National Trust for Historic Preservation Award, National Preservation Award – Miami Edison Middle School

1997 Florida Trust for Historic Preservation, Non-residential Rehabilitation Outstanding Achievement – Miami Edison Middle School

1996 AIA-Fort Lauderdale Chapter, Honorable Mention – Kings Point Theater for the Performing Arts

1994 AIA-Miami Chapter, Award of Merit (Unbuilt Category) – Miami Edison Middle School

1992 AIA-Miami Chapter, Award of Excellence (Unbuilt Category) – The Coliseum

1992 AIA-Miami Chapter, Award of Merit for Design – Freedom Tower

1990 AIA Florida, Award for Excellence in Architecture – (Built Category) – Freedom Tower

1990 Commercial Renovator Magazine, Commercial Renovator of the Year – Freedom Tower

1989 Florida Trust for Historic Preservation, Outstanding Preservation Project – Freedom Tower

1989 AIA-Miami Chapter, Award of Merit for Design – Freedom Tower