

Press Release

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National Building Museum Honors Beverly Willis, FAIA

Washington DC –The National Building Museum, Washington, D.C., at its 30th Anniversary Gala December 14, 2010 in the Museum’s Great Hall, awarded Beverly Willis, FAIA, founder and president of the Beverly Willis Architecture Foundation its first Chairman’s Award. Chase Rynd, President and Executive Director of the Museum stated, “ Beverly Willis, along with the Museum’s other founding trustees, recognized long before many the significance of America’s building heritage. She and other founding trustees worked across government organizations and among the private and non-profit sectors to generate the political and financial support, public awareness, and human resources necessary to create an inspiring place to teach people of every age about our building arts and sciences. It has been said that success has many parents.” In addition to Willis, fellow founding trustees Cynthia Field and Herb Franklin also received the Chairman’s Award.

The award citation read “Beverly Willis is a distinguished architect, founder of the architectural and urban planning firm, Willis and Associates, Inc., and designer of many prominent buildings, such as the San Francisco Ballet Building, the first building built in this country for a ballet company. While practicing in San Francisco, California, she was also active in Washington, D.C. serving on prominent boards within the construction profession. After 40 years of practice, Bev retired and currently is president of the Beverly Willis Architecture Foundation, whose mission is to expand knowledge about women’s contributions to the built environment. She is a fabulous friend to this institution, and we are honored to have established the Beverly Willis Library on the Museum’s fourth floor. In addition, the Museum is pleased to partner with the Willis Foundation to hold a lecture program on the topic of Women of Architecture every year during Women’s History Month.”

The [National Building Museum](#) advances the quality of the built environment by educating people about its impact on their lives.

The [Beverly Willis Architecture Foundation](#) is a 501(c) 3 organization founded in 2002 that works to expand knowledge about women’s contributions to the built environment.