

**OHIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY RECOGNIZES DESIGN COLLECTIVE PROJECT**

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Baltimore, Maryland – The Art Academy of Cincinnati, a Design Collective project, has been recognized as a 2006 Ohio Historic Preservation Office award winner. The Ohio Historical Society selected the Art Academy for its outstanding contribution to historic preservation in Ohio.

The Art Academy, after 115 years on historic Mount Adams, relocated their academic facilities to the corner of 12th and Jackson Streets in the heart of Cincinnati's Over-the-Rhine district. The new location features the adaptive use and transformation of two historic buildings into one facility that allows all 300 students to learn their craft in one combined location. Completed in June 2005, the new facility includes an enhanced student life area, greater instructional areas, as well as independent studio space for upperclassmen. Through the application and consideration of sustainable design principles in the redevelopment of the Art Academy, Design Collective anticipates "LEED-Silver" Certification for this preservation project.

"The Art Academy of Cincinnati is a great example of how sustainable design principles can be integrated into the adaptive use of historic structures to ensure success in the project and in the ecological, economic, historical and social aspects that shape its completion," said Jim Carroll, principal at Design Collective.

**ABOUT DESIGN COLLECTIVE, INC.:**

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