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### Career Highlights

Mr. Heisenbottle has more than 35 years of experience in all aspects of architecture and interior design. His background encompasses governmental, education, healthcare, commercial hospitality and large scale historic preservation projects both in Miami and New York. In 1987, he formed his own firm and has been responsible for numerous large-scale developments throughout the southeastern United States. He is currently a registered architect in 5 states and 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 historic preservation 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 areas 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 and often serves as a guest lecturer on historic preservation topics.

Mr. Heisenbottle's projects have been widely publicized in Architectural Record, the League of Historic American Theaters, Florida Caribbean Architect, and Preservation Today. He has received numerous awards for Excellence in Architecture from the Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects and the Miami Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and has been the recipient of numerous Outstanding Preservation Project Awards from the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation, as well as one from the National Trust for Historic Preservation for the Miami Edison Middle School restoration and addition project.

The firm headquarters is located in Coral Gables, FL where it is currently engaged in projects throughout the Southeastern United States. RJHA is currently leading the restoration and renovation of the 1897 Belleview Biltmore Hotel in Belleair, Florida, a 3 year restoration and renovation, which is one of the largest preservation projects to date in the State of Florida.

### Affiliations

American Institute of Architects – Past President Miami Chapter, 1991  
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  
Vice President, Spillas Candela & Partners, DMJM, 1979-1987

### 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, Virginia, Pennsylvania

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## Honors & Awards:

- 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     The Colony Theater  
Outstanding Preservation Project Award  
Dade Heritage Trust**
- 2005     Lou Rawls Center for the Performing Arts  
AIA Miami Award Finalist**
- 2004     Florida Trust for Historic Preservation Award  
City of Miami City Hall**
- 2003     Silver Medal Award for Design – AIA Miami Chapter**
- 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 2003**  
Gusman Center for the Performing Arts
- 2003     Dade Heritage Trust, Outstanding Contribution to Historic Preservation**  
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 Florida Trust for Historic Preservation
- 2001     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  
  
**AIA-Miami Chapter, Historic Preservation Award**  
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- 1998     AIA-Miami Chapter, Award of Excellence**  
Kings Point Theater for the Performing Arts  
  
**AIA-Miami Chapter, Award for Best Renovation Project**  
Miami Edison Middle School  
  
**National Preservation Award – National Trust for Historic Preservation**  
Miami Edison Middle School

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- 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
- AIA-Miami Chapter, Award of Excellence (Built Category)**
- AIA-Miami Chapter, Award of Merit for Design**  
Freedom Tower
- 1990 AIA Florida, Award for Excellence in Architecture  
(Built Category)**  
Freedom Tower
- 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

### Select Project Publications:

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.

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## Professional Activities:

11<sup>TH</sup> National Conference on Planning History  
Society for American City and Regional Planning History  
Coral Gables, FL  
October 2005

League of Historic American Theatres –Conference Presenter  
New York, NY  
July 2002

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

“Planning and Process in Historic Preservation”  
Workshop/Presentation  
League of Historic American Theater’s 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference  
July 2001

“One United Band”  
Film documentary in conjunction with Public Television Channel, WLRN  
January 2000

Historic Sears Tower HABS Documentation, Restoration, and Construction Documents  
for Miami Dade County Performing Arts Center  
In conjunction with Cesar Pelli and Associates 1998