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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 is 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 Bellaire, 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 Capitman 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 **Bienal 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:

11TH 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 25th 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