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### **New Architectural Walking Tours Launch May 2: May Schedule Announced**

(April 21, 2009) – The Philadelphia region’s long-running and much-loved Architectural Walking Tours return for the 2009 season on May 2, presented this year by the Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia.

Tours run rain or shine, Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. from May through October. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students with ID. Children 10 and under are free if accompanied by an adult. Reservations are not required.

The May tour schedule and descriptions are now available at [www.PreservationAlliance.com](http://www.PreservationAlliance.com). For more information, the public can email [tours@preservationalliance.com](mailto:tours@preservationalliance.com) or call 215-546-1146 x. 3.

Tours are led by a lively group of experienced and enthusiastic volunteers from a wide range of backgrounds who share a passion for architecture, urban design and social history. Tours range from Center City locales, including Society Hill and Rittenhouse Square, to historic neighborhoods, such as Fishtown and Chestnut Hill, to historic suburban enclaves including Haddonfield and Media. There are also specialized tours such as the popular “Littlest Streets” and “Art Deco Philadelphia.”

The tours, along with the Building Philadelphia lecture series, originated at the Foundation for Architecture in 1986. Last presented by the Philadelphia Society for the Preservation of Landmarks, the tours and lectures have enhanced understanding of the region’s architectural heritage for thousands of participants and have received awards and accolades. *Philadelphia* magazine honored the walking tours with a 2008 “Best of Philly” Award, noting they are the “best reason to take a walk.”

The Building Philadelphia lecture series is sponsored by the Center for Architecture. For the lecture series schedule and full information, visit [www.PhiladelphiaCFA.org/events.php](http://www.PhiladelphiaCFA.org/events.php).

The May schedule for Architectural Walking Tours is as follows:

MAY 2, SAT 10 AM	AROUND WASHINGTON SQUARE Meet at center of Washington Square, 6 <sup>th</sup> & Walnut Sts.
MAY 2, SAT 2 PM	LITTLEST STREETS EAST OF BROAD Meet at center of Kahn Park, 11 <sup>th</sup> & Pine Sts.

MAY 3, SUN 10 AM	CHESTNUT HILL WEST Meet at St. Martin's Station (SEPTA R8), St. Martin's Lane & Springfield Ave.
MAY 6, WED 6 PM	OLD CITY Meet at the benches, Elfreth's Alley & N. 2 <sup>nd</sup> St.
MAY 9, SAT 10 AM	FISHTOWN Meet at statue of William Penn, Penn Treaty Park, N. Delaware Ave. at Columbia St.
MAY 9 SAT 2 PM	GIRARD ESTATE Meet at statue of Stephen Girard, Center of Girard Park, 21 <sup>st</sup> & Shunk Sts.
MAY 10, SUN 2 PM	RITTENHOUSE SQUARE SACRED SITES Meet in front of First Baptist Church, SE corner, 17 <sup>th</sup> & Sansom Sts.
MAY 13, WED 6 PM	RITTENHOUSE SQUARE WEST Meet at center of Rittenhouse Square, 19 <sup>th</sup> & Walnut Sts.
MAY 16, SAT 10 AM	ART DECO Meet at entrance to Liberty Place, NE corner, 17 <sup>th</sup> & Chestnut Sts.
MAY 16, SAT 2 PM	SPRUCE HILL Meet in front of University City Arts League, 4226 Spruce St
MAY 17, SUN 10 AM	BEN FRANKLIN'S PHILADELPHIA Meet at entrance to Franklin Court, 318 Market St.
MAY 20 WED 6 PM	VICTORIAN WASHINGTON SQUARE WEST Meet at NW corner, 9 <sup>th</sup> & Spruce Sts.
MAY 23, SAT 10 AM	BEAUX ARTS PHILADELPHIA Meet at center of Rittenhouse Square, 19 <sup>th</sup> & Walnut Sts.
MAY 23, SAT 2 PM	GILDED AGE PHILADELPHIA Meet in lobby of the Bellevue, 200 S. Broad St.
MAY 24, SUN 2 PM	VICTORIAN PHILADELPHIA WEST OF BROAD Meet at steps of the Bellevue, 200 S. Broad St.
MAY 27, WED 6 PM	BEN FRANKLIN'S PHILADELPHIA Meet at entrance to Franklin Court, 318 Market St.

MAY 30, SAT 10 AM

SOCIETY HILL SACRED SITES

Meet at entrance to St. Peter's cemetery,  
SW corner, 3<sup>rd</sup> & Pine Sts.

MAY 30, SAT 2 PM

RITTENHOUSE SQUARE EAST

Meet at center of Rittenhouse Square, 19<sup>th</sup> & Walnut Sts.

MAY 31, SUN 2 PM

SOCIETY HILL

Meet at NE corner, 2<sup>nd</sup> & Spruce Sts.

*The Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia actively promotes the appreciation, protection, and revitalization of the Philadelphia region's historic buildings, communities, and landscapes. A 501c3 non-profit membership organization, the Alliance leads in setting the agenda for preservation issues of regional importance and advocates strong public preservation policies. For more information on the Alliance:*  
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