BALTIMORE HERITAGE 2010 HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD

IN RECOGNITION OF PROFESSIONAL ARTS BUILDING



In recognition of the redevelopment of the Professional Arts Building, Somerset was honored with a 2010 Historic Preservation Award by the Board of Directors of Baltimore Heritage, Inc. Originally constructed as the "Medical Arts Building" in 1927, the Professional Arts Building at 101 West Read Street served as offices for medical personnel until it saw a decline in occupancy in the 1990s. The large 110,000 square foot building was left more than seventy-five percent vacant for a decade prior to its rehabilitation in 2009. Restoration work included repairing the original terra cotta balustrade, refurbishing the main lobby and elevator lobbies in the upper floors, and restoring the storefront on Cathedral Street. Kann Partners was the architect and Struever Bros. Eccles & Rouse were the builders. The award was presented at Baltimore Heritage's 50th Anniversary gala at the Garrett Jacobs Mansion, Baltimore in June 2010.