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## **National American Institute of Architects Awards BKV Group with Two Design Awards**

Minneapolis, Minnesota — Wednesday, March 23, 2005 — The National American Institute of Architects awards BKV Group's projects Tria House and Two Popes Film with two awards in the first annual *Small Projects* competition.

The *Small Project* awards program emphasizes the excellence of small project design and strives to raise public awareness of the value and design excellence that architects bring to projects, no matter the size and scope. Out of 80 submissions and 10 winners BKV Group are the recipients in two categories: Projects built for a construction cost not exceeding \$25,000 (Tria House); and projects built for a construction cost not exceeding \$200,000 (Two Popes Film).

Tria House is an interactive design that acts as a house for a tree rather than a house in a tree, and creates a quiet retreat that allows visitors to focus on nature. Tria House was selected for The University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum's 2004 summer exhibition Totally Terrific Treehouses.

Two Popes Film, located in the historic Grain Belt Bottling Building No. 2, serves as home base for this company, which directs and produces advertising media nationwide. The space had to be designed with a high level of abstraction being 'ultimately flexible' to allow a wide-ranging scale of production needs.

Founded in 1978, BKV Group is a 70-person multi-disciplinary firm, providing architectural, interior design, structural, mechanical and electrical engineering services, and construction administration services. These services are applied to a variety of project types including: corporate, financial, educational, residential, governmental, religious, retail, manufacturing and restoration.

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