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DEVIL IN THE WHITE CITY TOUR OFFERED BY CAF

Chicago Architecture Foundation Delves into Book and 1893 Exposition

Chicago, 2008 --The Chicago Architecture Foundation's *Devil in the White City Tour* continues to attract out-of-towners as well as local Chicagoans. Departing from the Chicago Architecture Foundation, 224 S. Michigan Avenue., the tour is based upon Erik Larson's bestselling book. It focuses on two remarkable events: the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893 and the emergence of America's first serial killer to come to public attention.

"The fair had a profound effect on the people's lives at the time and in turn, people's changing lifestyles during that period, shaped the built environment," said Lynn Osmond, Chicago Architecture Foundation President and CEO. CAF has offered this tour intermittently to our members. It has been so popular; we have begun offering it to a broader audience."

The tour includes a visit to the Fair through a slide presentation featuring many period photographs. The presentation is followed by a bus tour of Prairie Avenue and Jackson Park with a visit to many buildings and places identified in the book. People who have already read the book will learn more about the circumstances surrounding the Fair. Those who haven't read 'The Devil in the White City' will find this tour to be an introduction to those fascinating events.

The entire presentation and tour lasts about 3 ½ hours and costs \$55; \$45 seniors and students; CAF members are \$40. Reservations are required. Specific dates and times are available at www.architecture.org.

About the Chicago Architecture Foundation: The Chicago Architecture Foundation (CAF) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing public interest and education in architecture and related design. The Foundation pursues this mission through a comprehensive program of exhibits, tours, special events, and lectures. CAF's ArchiCenter is located in the Santa Fe Building at 224 South Michigan Avenue at Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, 60604. For further information visit www.architecture.org or call 312.922.3432.

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