

PROJECTS

Artscape Wychwood Barns open in Toronto.

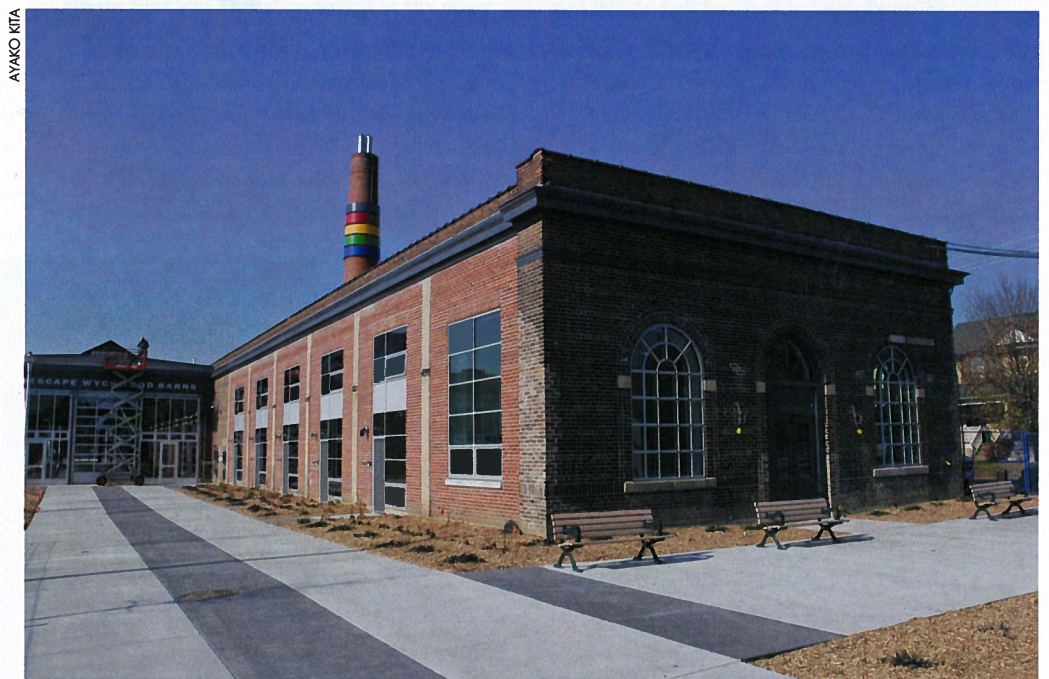
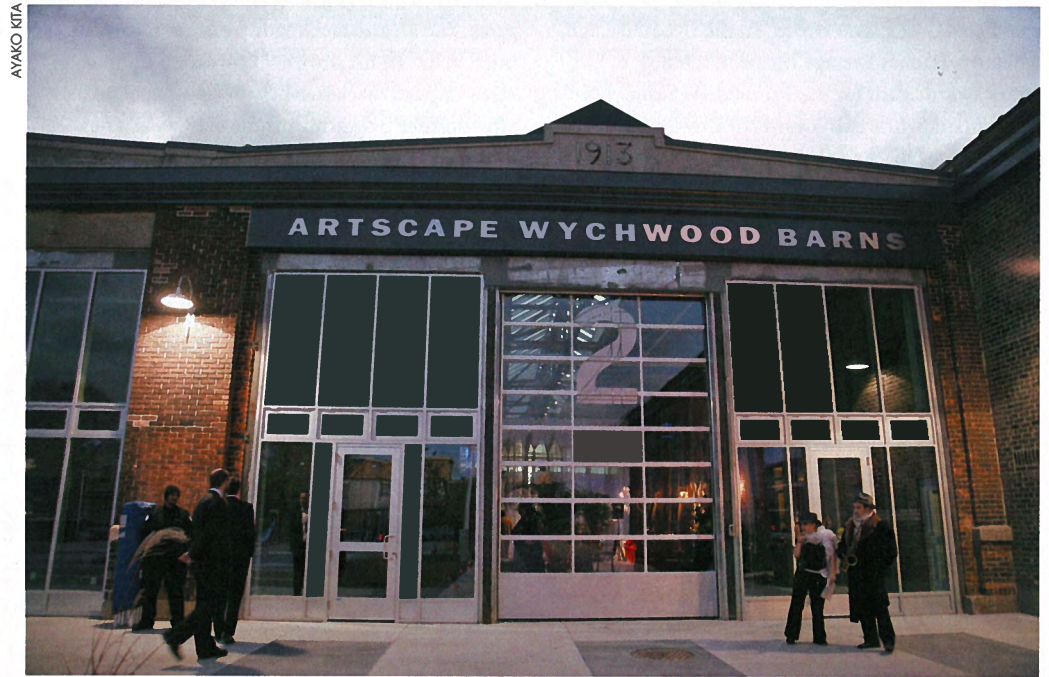
Opening ceremonies and a public launch of this much anticipated project took place on November 20, 2008 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. A not-for-profit enterprise dedicated to culture-led regeneration, Artscape has transformed the historic Wychwood TTC streetcar repair barns located in Toronto's St. Clair and Bathurst neighbourhood into the Artscape Wychwood Barns—a multifaceted community centre where arts and culture, environmental leadership, heritage preservation, urban agriculture and affordable housing are brought together to foster a strong sense of community. The long list of challenges included environmental contamination, lack of resources to develop the municipally owned site, a need for park space in one of the most park-deficient neighbourhoods in the city, and a neighbourhood divided on what type of development was appropriate. Ultimately, Artscape forged a consensus around a new vision which speaks to affordable artist housing, sustainability of not-for-profit arts and environmental organizations, animation and engagement of the local community, promotion and showcasing best practices in environmental design, honouring the legacy of public transit and preserving an important part of turn-of-the-century industrial architecture. The Artscape Wychwood Barns are comprised of four programmed components: the Studio Barn, the Covered Street Barn, the Community Barn and the Stop Community Food Centre's Green Barn. The lead consultant and architect for the project is du Toit Architects Ltd. with E.R.A. Architects Inc. as the heritage architect. The Planning Partnership is responsible for the landscape architecture.

www.torontoartscape.on.ca/barns/

AWARDS

Winners of the 2008 Design Exchange Awards announced.

The 2008 Design Exchange Awards program (DXA) promotes Canadian design excellence and recognizes the critical role of design in all types of organizations including commercial entities (large and small), not-for-profit organizations, and the public sector. The Awards also celebrate the success stories achieved through close partnerships between clients and designers. The following represent just a few of the categories: in the Commercial Architecture category, Daoust Lestage Inc. won the Best of Category award for Quai des Cageux. An Award of Excellence was given to Levitt Goodman Architects for Peel Youth Village, and to MacLennan Jaunkalns Miller Architects for the South



ABOVE THE ARTSCAPE WYCHWOOD BARNS OPENED IN TORONTO IN LATE NOVEMBER. CONTAINING ARTISTS' LIVE/WORK STUDIOS AND FACILITIES FOR URBAN AGRICULTURE AND COMMUNITY EVENTS, THE PROJECT REQUIRED CONSIDERABLE EFFORT TO TRANSFORM FIVE TURN-OF-THE-CENTURY STREETCAR REPAIR SHEDS THAT SAT VACANT FOR OVER 20 YEARS INTO A VIBRANT COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Oshawa Community Centre. Three Awards of Merit were given to Kleinfeldt Mychajlowycz Architects Inc. for the Fire & Emergency Service Training Institute, Manasc Isaac Architects + Sturges Architecture for the Water Centre, and Stantec Architecture Inc. for the Peterborough Regional Health Centre. In the Residential Architecture category, the Best of Category award was bestowed upon two recipients: Levitt Goodman Architects for their own Levitt Goodman House, and Reigo + Bauer for 12 Cassels. Two Awards of

Excellence recognize the Prefab Cottage for Two Families by Kohn Shnier Architects, and 112 St. Clair Avenue West by Page + Steele Architects. Paul Raff Studio's Cascade House won the Award of Merit. In the Landscape Architecture category, two Best of Category awards were given to PLANT Architect Inc. for Boustrophedon Garden and to space2place design inc. for the Garden City Park Play Environment. Daoust Lestage Inc. captured an Award of Excellence for the Thematic Gardens at the Promenade Samuel-de-Champlain. And an