



AIA FLORIDA HONORS KENNETH TREISTER, FAIA WITH 2013 GOLD MEDAL

MIAMI -- (September 4, 2013) -- The Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Florida) has named **Kenneth Treister, FAIA** its 2013 Gold Medal recipient. The award is the highest individual honor bestowed by AIA Florida and recognizes those who have made a profound impact on the architectural profession.

“Mr. Treister’s activism in the community, passion for beautiful architecture and dedication to the profession has made an extraordinary impact in Florida for more than 50 years,” said Peter W. Jones, AIA, Chair of the AIA Florida Awards Program.

A Miami Beach native, Treister has spent a lifetime creating and writing on architecture. Treister is the sculptor and architect of Miami Beach’s world famous, soul-wrenching masterpiece, The Holocaust Memorial. He is also recognized for his work throughout the United States, Israel and the Caribbean, and in Miami, the Gumenick Chapel of Temple Israel, Mayfair, Office in the Grove, Yacht Harbour condominium, and the restoration of Temple Emanu-El, Miami Beach. He also designed numerous private homes throughout the Miami area.

He is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects and was an adjunct Professor of Architecture at the University of Miami and the University of Florida. He is a member of Real Academia de Belles Arts de Sant Jorge, Barcelona, Spain, one of the oldest academies of architecture and art in the world. Treister has been awarded the Silver Medal and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Institute of Architects, Miami and now the Gold Medal from the American Institute of Architects, Florida.

He has lectured on architecture at universities in the United States, Chile, China, Israel, Indonesia, India, Malaysia, and Bali to name a few, and has written and produced four documentaries for national television about architecture. He has been published in more than 50 professional journals, and has written nine books on architecture including: *Havana Forever in 2009* and in 2013: *Maya Architecture; Easter Island’s Silent Sentinels;* and *Bok Tower Gardens, America’s Taj Mahal.*

He received his degree in architecture from the University of Florida in 1953.

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