

# CHICAGO LANDMARKS



## 2017 PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

### 800 N Clark St Bush Temple of Music Adaptive Reuse

Recipient: CEDARst Companies

The Bush Temple of Music was built as the headquarters and showroom of the Bush and Gerts Piano Company, one of Chicago's leading piano companies. The building exemplifies the importance of piano manufacturing and sales in Chicago during the late 19th and early 20th centuries when Chicago was the leading piano manufacturing center in the world. Designed by J.E.O. Pridmore and constructed in 1901, the building is a rare large-scale example of French Renaissance Revival-style architecture. Cedar Street's rehabilitation project converted the building to 101 residential units with retail spaces on the ground floor. Exterior scope of work included new storefronts with trim to match the historic iron details. Masonry work included repairs to the glazed brick, replacement of missing terra cotta units, and repair/reconstruction of missing terra cotta pilasters. The iconic but deteriorated roof was replaced and missing decorative features at the roofline were reinstalled. Interior work included restoring significant details such as skylights, original marble wainscoting, terrazzo flooring, and original single-panel doors with fritted glass. Cedar Street received the Adopt-a-Landmark incentive and the 20% Federal Historic Tax Credit. The Bush Temple of Music was designated a Chicago landmark on June 27, 2001.



before



after



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