

# CHICAGO LANDMARKS



## 2009 PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

### South Shore Cultural Center 7059 South Shore Drive Stewardship

*Recipient: Chicago Park District*

Originally built as the private South Shore Country Club, this complex is one of the Chicago Park District's most distinctive sets of buildings. The South Shore Cultural Center was designed in the Mediterranean Revival style, unusual for Chicago, and includes a club building, gatehouse, and stable building. The complex was built between 1906 and 1916 and designed by Marshall & Fox, one of Chicago's most noted architectural firms. The interior spaces, which include several ballrooms, a theater, and a dining room, are used for cultural events, receptions, and exhibitions. (One of the ballrooms was used by President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama for their wedding reception.) The Chicago Park District recently completed renovations which included clay tile roof repairs; interior plaster restoration; new flooring and carpeting; chandelier cleaning and restoration; and new window treatments. The South Shore Cultural Center was designated a Chicago Landmark on May 26, 2004.



**INTERIOR**



**EXTERIOR**



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