

# CHICAGO LANDMARKS



## 2009 PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

### Burnham Plan Centennial Committee Public Outreach

*Recipient: The Burnham Plan Centennial Committee*

In 1909, Daniel Burnham and Edward Bennett collaborated with the Commercial Club of Chicago to create a bold new plan for the greater Chicago region. Known as the 1909 *Plan of Chicago*, it has provided guidance for the development of our city and has inspired other city plans around the world. Burnham's famous statement, "make no little plans," helped to create a blueprint for action, and the plan itself directly resulted in North Michigan Avenue, Wacker Drive, the spectacular lakefront parks, and the regional forest preserves. The Burnham Plan Centennial Committee was convened in late 2006 and is composed of community, business and civic leaders. The Committee recruited hundreds of organizations to sponsor events as part of the commemoration, has helped organize many lectures and tours, created an interactive and informative website, and spearheaded the installation in Millennium Park of two temporary "Burnham Pavilions" designed by renowned architects Zaha Hadid and Ben van Berkel of UN Studio. Committee staff support is provided by Chicago Metropolis 2020, with initial funding from the Chicago Community Trust.



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*Plan of Chicago*



*Daniel Hudson Burnham  
From a painting by Zorn, 1899*



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