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Save Historic Antietam Foundation and Maryland Theatre to Receive Prestigious “Best of Maryland” Preservation Awards

Frederick, MD - The Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area (HCWHA) is pleased to announce that two Washington County organizations will receive awards from Preservation Maryland next week: the Save Historic Antietam Foundation and Maryland Theatre.

At a ceremony in Baltimore on May 21, Preservation Maryland—an independent organization promoting historic preservation statewide—will present 13 individuals and organizations awards for outstanding projects in historic preservation, architecture, community engagement, and education.

The Volunteer Organization Award will go to the Save Historic Antietam Foundation (SHAF), celebrating their 30th anniversary of protecting priceless Civil War heritage throughout the Antietam Valley. SHAF preserves and protects historic sites related to the Battle of Antietam, the Maryland Campaign, and other Civil War activity in the region through public education, solicitation of funds, promotion of protective easements and advocacy. In partnership with the Maryland Environmental Trust and the Maryland Department of Transportation, SHAF has successfully procured easements for more than 3,000 acres in the Antietam area.

The Maryland Theatre in Hagerstown’s Arts and Entertainment District is one of four distinctive organizations receiving a Community Choice Award. The second largest and second oldest theater in the state is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2015. Each year the Maryland Theatre hosts 100,000 audience members, including 12,000 students, through approximately 175 performances. The theater is a beloved community asset, serving as a home stage for the Maryland Symphony Orchestra, City Ballet Company, Hagerstown Community Concert Association, and the award-winning Barbara Ingram School for the Arts.

More information about the “Best of Maryland,” Preservation Maryland’s 30th annual awards ceremony, can be found on their website, bestofmaryland.org.

The Heart of the Civil War, one of Maryland’s 13 certified heritage areas encompassing parts of Carroll, Frederick and Washington counties, seeks to promote the stewardship of our historic, cultural, and natural Civil War resources; encourage superior visitor experiences; and stimulate tourism, economic prosperity, and educational development, thereby improving the quality of life in our community for the benefit of both residents and visitors.

For more information, contact the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area at info@heartofthecivilwar.org or (301) 600-4031.

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