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Dwell & Residential Architect Magazines Invite Frank Harmon to Join Discussions at Conferences

August 1, 2007 (Raleigh, NC) – *Dwell* magazine, one of the nation's leading home design or "shelter," magazines, and *Residential Architect*, a professional architectural journal based in Washington, D.C., have invited award-winning Raleigh architect Frank Harmon, FAIA, to participate in their annual national conferences this year.

"Building Community" is the theme for the "Dwell on Design" Conference, to be held in San Francisco in September 14 and 15. As moderator and master of ceremonies, *Dateline NBC's* John Hockenberry (Peabody and Emmy award winner and contributing editor for *Wired* and *Metropolis* magazines) will conduct conversations with a diverse group of influential thinkers including architects, artists, critics, urban planners, product designers, activists, etc. Frank Harmon will participate in a conversation about "how we want to live and the role design can play in shaping our world," according to Michael Cannell, *Dwell's* New York editor.

"We are looking at what community means and how it can be fostered at different scales," Cannell said. "Our examination includes the built environment – from urban redevelopment projects through to public spaces and single-family dwellings. It will also address the diverse social and economic systems that define the world we live in – from farmers markets to public art programs. Within our theme of Building Community we will focus on questions of how, as a society, we can live collaboratively and sustainably in communities of choice."

Residential Architect magazine's annual "Reinvention" conference will be held in Charleston, SC, December 3-5, and will include many panel discussions. Harmon will join keynote speaker Peter Bohlin, among others, in a conversation entitled "From Bauhaus Modern to Our House Modern," which will examine "how modernism has evolved into the more easy-going, user-friendly versions we find today," according to conference planners. He will also participate in a session entitled "Strategies in Sustainable Design," which will discuss "how architects can create timeless work while addressing the most pressing concern of our time."

The overall theme of *Residential Architect's* conference is "Looking Back Without

Anger,” said editor Claire Conroy. “Basically, it should explore the richness of architectural expression that comes of being open to all ideas, interpretations, and languages. I’m looking to mine that deep vein of beautiful residential architecture that taps familiar forms, materials, and human scale.”

Frank Harmon, founder and principal of Frank Harmon Architect, is a veteran design awards judge and speaker at regional and national design conferences. He has presented seminars for the American Institute of Architect’s past three national conferences and his writing on architectural issues has been published in numerous periodicals including the international *Docomomo* Journal.

As a practitioner, Harmon’s work has become synonymous with sustainable, or “green,” architecture. In 2005, his firm was named Top Firm Of The Year by *Residential Architect* magazine.

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