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**HISTORIC NASHVILLE, INC. ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2010
"NASHVILLE NINE" - LIST OF MOST ENDANGERED HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

July 19, 2010 (Nashville) – Today, Historic Nashville, Inc. (HNI) officially launched the call for nominations from the public for the 2010 "Nashville Nine," an annual list of the most endangered historic properties in Nashville and Davidson County. The Nashville Nine is intended to promote public awareness of endangered historic places and encourage preservation advocacy at the grassroots level. The list features nine historic properties, nominated by the public, that are threatened by demolition, neglect, or development.

"HNI received an overwhelming positive reaction to the 2009 Nashville Nine list. From local government officials to residents of the city's diverse neighborhoods as well as the media, Nashvillians seem excited and eager to participate," states David Price, board president and Nashville Nine committee chairman. "As HNI has been doing for over forty years, we will continue to be proactive while working collaboratively with local officials to help find solutions for preserving the historic places that make Nashville unique."

The 2009 Nashville Nine put a spotlight on a diverse range of properties dating from the 1790s to the 1960s that help enhance Nashville's unique "sense of place." They included private dwellings, a church, a cemetery chapel, a federal post office, and a former Masonic school as well as historic neighborhood schools and neon signs throughout the county. These properties are examples of historic preservation challenges facing communities throughout the country, putting a local face on critical issues being discussed at the national level.

"There is good news and bad news to report on the status of the 2009 Nashville Nine," explains Price. "We've had some successes such as the nomination of the McCampbell House in Donelson to the National Register of Historic Places as well as convincing the owners of the Mt. Olivet Cemetery Chapel to pull their demolition permit. However, just last week two of the properties listed in the 2009 Nashville Nine were demolished, including the 89-year old Charlotte Avenue Church of Christ in Richland Park and the 102-year old Samuel L. Murphy Public School near Baptist Hospital." In addition, the city has issued a demolition permit to the owner of Lawrence Finn House "Silverdene," a landmark along Gallatin Pike/Main Street in East Nashville since the mid-nineteenth century.

For a complete list of the 2009 Nashville Nine with property descriptions and photographs, visit the HNI website at www.historicnashvilleinc.org. Members of the public can download a nomination form for the 2010 Nashville Nine at the HNI website. The nomination period closes August 20, 2010, and HNI will announce the selected historic properties on September 9, 2010.



ABOUT HISTORIC NASHVILLE, INC. (HNI)

Historic Nashville, Inc. was originally chartered in 1968 as “The Historic Sites Federation of Tennessee.” In 1975, the name and mission changed in response to the urgency of threats to historic landmarks in Nashville. The nonprofit 501(c)3 organization became “Historic Nashville, Inc.” Our mission is to “preserve and promote the historic places that make Nashville unique.”

Over the years, HNI has successfully advocated for the preservation of many landmarks, including the Ryman Auditorium, Union Station, Hermitage Hotel, Shelby Street Bridge, and Union Stockyard as well as the Second Avenue, Printer’s Alley, Lower Broadway, and East Nashville historic districts. In 1982, HNI established the state’s first Preservation Easement program and currently owns easements on 16 historic landmarks with a market value of over \$30 million. HNI hosts an annual membership meeting, publishes a biannual newsletter, maintains an active Facebook page and website, gives special tours of local historic landmarks and preservation projects, and recently launched the annual “Nashville Nine” endangered properties list.

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