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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Banfill-Locke Center for the Arts Chosen to Compete for Preservation Funding from American Express**

*Vote Daily Through October 12*

Banfill-Locke Center for the Arts, located in Anoka County's Manomin County Park, has been chosen to participate in the **2011 Partners in Preservation program**. The Twin Cities area is only the sixth region nationwide to receive \$1 million in funding from American Express under the program. As one of 25 historic places selected, Banfill-Locke is competing in a month-long Facebook contest that invites the public to cast votes for the landmarks they would most like to see receive the funding. The Twin Cities community is encouraged to go to [www.facebook.com/PartnersinPreservation](http://www.facebook.com/PartnersinPreservation) to vote and post personal stories and photos about

#### **Banfill-Locke Center for the Arts.**

#### **About Partners in Preservation**

In 2010, American Express, partnering with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, pledged \$10 million over a five-year period toward preserving historic places throughout the United States. American Express has already allocated more than \$5.5 million in preservation grants over

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the past five years, which has allowed recipients to make significant progress in achieving their preservation goals. Throughout his partnership, American Express and the National Trust for Historic Preservation seek to increase the public's awareness of the importance of historic preservation in the United States and to preserve America's historic and cultural places. The program also seeks to inspire long-term support from local citizens for the historic sites at the heart of their communities.

More information about the Partners in Preservation program and status of the Twin Cities initiative can be found at [www.Facebook.com/PartnersinPreservation](http://www.Facebook.com/PartnersinPreservation) and [www.PartnersinPreservation.com](http://www.PartnersinPreservation.com).

**Banfill-Locke Center for the Arts** is a nonprofit community art center located at the juncture of Rice Creek and the Mississippi River in Manomin County Park. Since 1979, Banfill-Locke has served the community through accessible arts programming including gallery exhibitions, classes and workshops, festivals, gift shop, literary readings, and artist residencies. The Art Center has inhabited the historic former Banfill Tavern and Locke House since 1988 through a public/private partnership with the Anoka County Parks Department. Built in 1847, the building is one of the few remaining Greek Revival style houses in Minnesota. Art Center hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information call 763-574-1850, e-mail [info@banfill-locke.org](mailto:info@banfill-locke.org), or visit us on [www.banfill-locke.org](http://www.banfill-locke.org), [www.facebook.com/pages/Banfill-Locke-Center-for-the-Arts](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Banfill-Locke-Center-for-the-Arts), or [www.twitter.com/BanfillLockeArt](http://www.twitter.com/BanfillLockeArt).

Directions: Banfill-Locke Center for the Arts is located 7 minutes north of downtown Minneapolis. Take 694 to East River Road exit. Proceed north approximately 1 mile. The Art Center is on the west side of the road between Mississippi and Osborne.

*Banfill-Locke Center for the Arts (BLCA) is a source for the community providing inspiration, enrichment, enjoyment, opportunities and education through the arts.*

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