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### **Iannelli Home and Studio makes statewide endangered list**

**Wednesday, April 6, 2011, Springfield, Ill.**—The Iannelli Home and Studio, 225 N. Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge (Cook County), was named to Landmarks Illinois’ annual “Ten Most Endangered Historic Places” list, which was announced today at a press conference in the State Capitol.

“Famed artist Alfonso Iannelli lived and worked at this location for over 40 years,” said Jim Peters, President of Landmarks Illinois. “As a result, it is one of the most important groups of artist buildings in the Chicago region.”

Landmarks Illinois, the state’s leading voice for historic preservation, listed nine other endangered historic properties on its annual list which focuses attention on sites throughout Illinois threatened by deterioration, lack of maintenance, insufficient funds, or inappropriate development.

The Iannelli Home and Studio is a pair of late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century buildings where famed sculptor Alfonso Iannelli (1888-1965) lived and worked for more than 40 years. They are now for sale and vulnerable to demolition if purchased by an unsympathetic buyer. At this location, Iannelli produced innovative sculptures in collaboration with such architects as Barry Byrne, Purcell & Elmslie, and Frank Lloyd Wright. The locally based Kalo Foundation has taken on an advocacy and fundraising campaign to save the property for what it hopes could be an Iannelli Studio Heritage Center

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### Background

Since the inception of Landmarks Illinois' "Ten Most" list in 1995, more than a third of the listed properties have been saved, less than a quarter have been demolished, and the rest remain threatened or are being rehabilitated.

This year's list also includes: an 1859 mansion, an historic bridge, a 1920s community center that promoted physical fitness, an 1871 county sheriff's residence and jail, a former social settlement house, a 1930s Art Deco theater, a Bertrand Goldberg-designed modern hospital, three century-old Catholic churches, and one of the state's most extravagant movie palaces.

Landmarks Illinois is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> year as a statewide advocacy and education organization. The not-for-profit works with citizens and communities throughout Illinois to preserve, protect and promote historic places through advocacy and education. In addition to the Ten Most Endangered list, the organization also sponsors an annual awards program and a matching grants program for County Courthouses.

The complete "Ten Most" list, including photos of the following sites, is available at [www.Landmarks.org](http://www.Landmarks.org) through the "Press Room" link.

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Landmarks Illinois is the state's leading voice for historic preservation. Since its founding in 1971, the 2,500-member statewide organization has saved countless architectural and historic treasures throughout Illinois. Landmarks Illinois' mission today focuses on saving buildings, facilitating preservation, and educating the public. For more information, visit [www.Landmarks.org](http://www.Landmarks.org).