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Trust for Architectural Easements Leads Tours of New York City Architecture for Open House New York Weekend

**October 1, 2009, New York, NY** – For the second year in a row, the Trust for Architectural Easements, one of the nation’s largest non-profit preservation organizations, is sponsoring and hosting architectural tours during the annual Open House New York Weekend, Oct. 10 and 11. The event opens the doors of more than 300 buildings from all five boroughs of New York City to the public, free-of-charge, and also offers many other architectural tours and activities.

The Trust for Architectural Easements gave **openhousenewyork** a grant in 2007 to help develop an educational curriculum for school children. In 2008, the Trust organized a tour of SoHo for children and sponsored a tour of Wall Street, led by architectural historian Tony Robins. This year the Trust for Architectural Easements will be sponsoring two tours led by Francis Morrone of the Italianate Litchfield Villa in Prospect Park, and two tours led by Daniel Karatzas of the garden-city neighborhoods of Jackson Heights. One of the Trust’s historic preservationists, Lindsey Wallace, will lead two tours of the SoHo Cast-Iron Historic District in downtown Manhattan for children and their families.

The tours of Jackson Heights will take place at noon on Sat., Oct. 10 and Sun., Oct. 11. The tours will begin at the Community United Methodist Church at 81-10 35<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Jackson Heights, and will be 60-90 minutes in length.

The tours of Litchfield Villa in Prospect Park will take place on Sun., Oct. 11, at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. The tours will begin at the entrance to Litchfield Villa, at 95 Prospect Park West, in Brooklyn, and will be 60-90 minutes in length.

The tours of SoHo will take place at 10 a.m. and at noon on Sat., Oct. 10. The tours will meet in the parking lot across the street from 8-18 Greene St., and will last 90 minutes.

RSVP for these tours by emailing [rsvp@architecturaltrust.org](mailto:rsvp@architecturaltrust.org). Reservations received on or after October 2nd will be honored.

The Trust for Architectural Easements is one of the largest preservation easement holding organizations in the nation. The Trust raises awareness about the need for historic preservation by providing grants to preservation organizations and community groups. Through education initiatives like the Open House New York Weekend, the Trust fosters greater appreciation for the historic structures that contribute to the beauty of our cities and towns.