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Vujovich Wins National Contractor of the Year Honors Design-Build Contractor Recognized for Exquisite Lake Calhoun Home Remodel

MINNEAPOLIS (May 5, 2004)— Vujovich, Inc., one of the Twin Cities premier residential design and construction companies, today announced that it received the 2004 National Association of Remodelers, Inc. (NARI) Contractor of the Year Award (COTY). The award, given annually at NARI’s Evening of Excellence event, is considered the most prestigious award available to the remodeling industry.

“We put everything we have into each and every project we participate in,” said Ed Roskowinski, CR, Vujovich, Inc. president and co-owner. “Because of the artistic knowledge of this home’s owners and the creative collaboration that evolved, this particular remodel was especially rewarding. It’s an honor to be recognized by our peers for doing what we love to do and doing it well.”

The award-winning Vujovich project was an entire-home remodel in the \$1 million plus category. The comprehensive remodel, which Vujovich designed, managed and constructed, started with an outdated 1950s split entry on a lovely lot overlooking Minneapolis’ Lake Calhoun and ended with a prestigious yet comfortable craftsman-style Prairie home that is an artistic masterpiece. Through the extraordinary work of Vujovich partners—including Criteria Architects, Inc. in Afton, Minnesota, and Twist Interior Design of Minneapolis—the 4,200-square foot house is, according to its homeowners, a work of art.

“We have a great appreciation for art and craftsmanship, and it was important to us that this appreciation be reflected throughout our home,” said Colette Gandelot, one of the home’s owners. “Vujovich partnered with some of the finest artisans in the Twin Cities to bring an artistic flair to every aspect of our home. We are delighted with the results and enjoy admiring the art that is our home.”

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Unique features of the home—created by Vujovich’s craftsmen, its design and architectural partners, and a number of local artisans—include vistas that extend the length of the house, from a new conservatory through the dining room, living room and front veranda to the marsh and lake views outside; cherry woodwork and hand-forged bronze hardware throughout the home; artistic fireplace surrounds that include a scene of falling leaves and a marsh view mosaic; and custom-made stained glass doors and windows.

Remodeling contractors from seven regions around the country compete for NARI’s COTY award. An impartial panel of judges who are experts in the remodeling industry and related fields select winners based on problem solving, functionality, aesthetics, craftsmanship, innovation, entry presentation and degree of difficulty. Preliminary judging took place in January at the NARI national headquarters in Des Plaines, Illinois. Regional winners were selected at that time and advanced as finalists to the national level.

About NARI

NARI, based in Des Plaines, Illinois, is the only trade association dedicated solely to the remodeling industry. NARI members represent a select group from the approximately 800,000 companies and individuals in the U.S. identified as professional remodelers. Members voluntarily subscribe to a strict code of ethics. With more than 6,800 members nationwide, NARI is The Voice of the Remodeling Industry™. For more information on NARI or its awards, visit www.nari.org.

About Vujovich, Inc.

Vujovich, pronounced voy-o-vich, is a residential design and construction company with offices in Minneapolis and Afton, Minnesota. The company offers a full range of architect, new home and remodeling services and has been in business in the Twin Cities for more than 27 years. Over the course of its 27-year history, the Vujovich team has earned a reputation for building value into every project. For more information on Vujovich, visit www.vujovich.com.

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