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AiPP Reception: Endangered Mississippi

STARKVILLE, MS -

The next show in SAAC's AiPP series begins with a reception on **Thursday, January 24, 2019**, at 5:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Partnership in downtown Starkville. This exhibition considers small homes and large plantation stables across Mississippi that need varying degrees of stabilization, repair, or revitalization. This exhibit is an exploration of projects that students in the Mississippi State University School of Architecture found meaningful and worth investigating.

"Endangered Mississippi" is rooted in the 10 Most Endangered Historic Places in Mississippi: a list produced bi-annually by the Mississippi Department for History & Archives and the Mississippi Heritage Trust. This list highlights the need to care for a wide range of buildings across the state. According to ms10most.com, this list has had profound significance over the past 20 years: "Since the Mississippi Heritage Trust published the first list of the 10 Most Endangered Historic Places in Mississippi in 1999, there have been some tremendous victories. The Cutrer Mansion in Clarksdale, the King Edward Hotel in Jackson, the L.Q.C. Lamar House in Oxford, the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center in Ocean Springs and the Tippah County Jail in Ripley are all 'graduates' of the list, providing inspiring examples of what can happen when communities come together with a spirit of cooperation and a vision for the future."

At the end of this exhibition, Tau Sigma Delta's gallery committee will select 1-2 works to nominate structures for inclusion on the 2019 Most Endangered Historic Places in Mississippi.

"SAAC is excited to offer this exhibit, which highlights both the photographs as well as the students' views on architecture worth saving," says SAAC Executive Director John Bateman. "Our AiPP series remain free and open to the public, which is an important asset to a community. With Endangered Mississippi, this exhibit merges cultural exposure with something informative and insightful."

Brooksville School, Jane Kent





About SAAC -

Now commencing its third decade, the Starkville Area Arts Council (SAAC) sponsors the Cotton District Arts Festival, runs various outreach programs, and awards almost \$25,000 in grants and scholarships throughout Starkville and Oktibbeha County in its mission to build a strong, creative, connected community through the arts. SAAC appreciates the support of the City of Starkville and the Greater Starkville Development Partnership, Oktibbeha County, National Endowment for the Arts, Mississippi Arts Commission, Visit Mississippi, Del Rendon Foundation, 4-County Electric Foundation, and various local businesses and individuals. Additional information about SAAC can be found at www.starkvillearts.org.

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