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**RICHARDSON OLMSTED CAMPUS HARDHAT TOURS TO BE OFFERED BY  
PRESERVATION BUFFALO NIAGARA**  
*The popular historical tours return in summer 2022*

BUFFALO, NY – Today, Preservation Buffalo Niagara (PBN) announces the return of historical, hard hat tours at the Richardson Olmsted Campus, a National Historic Landmark and one of the largest historic preservation projects in the nation.

“PBN is thrilled to partner with the Lipsey Architecture Center Buffalo to present historical tours of the Richardson Olmsted Campus this summer,” said PBN Executive Director Jessie Fisher. “The Richardson’s redevelopment is one of the most prominent preservation projects in Buffalo. This partnership is the perfect way to reintroduce the spaces and stories of the Richardson Olmsted Campus to our community.”

Paris Roselli, Interim Executive Director of the Richardson Center Corporation and the Lipsey Architecture Center Buffalo, said, “We are so excited to partner with Preservation Buffalo Niagara to provide tours of the Richardson Olmsted Campus. With their experience giving historical tours at iconic Buffalo buildings like City Hall and the Guaranty Building, PBN is the perfect partner to bring tours back to our National Historic Landmark.”

Tours will be offered every Saturday and Sunday from July 9 through October 2, 2022. Visitors will be immersed into the philosophies integrated into the Richardson by architect Henry Hobson Richardson, landscape architects Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux, and mental health advocate Dr. Thomas Kirkbride.

Led by an expert docent, the 2-hour “In Depth Tours” will feature 2-3 historic buildings and explore spaces untouched since the 1970s. Tour routes will vary throughout the season based on active construction, so each tour is unique.

Tour tickets are \$40 per person and pre-registration is required. Tours are for ages 16 and up and photography is not allowed inside the buildings for safety reasons. The tours require the ability to walk for the full duration of the tour as well as climb stairs; due to the conditions in the buildings, sturdy, close-toed shoes are required.

Tickets will be released in batches throughout the summer to ensure as many people as possible have the opportunity to visit. The first batch of tickets for July tours is available now at <https://preservationbuffaloniagara.org/events/2022-07>.

Originally built as the Buffalo State Asylum for the Insane in the nineteenth century, today the Richardson Olmsted Campus is one of Buffalo’s most iconic buildings. Designed by great American architect Henry Hobson Richardson and the famed landscape team of Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux, the building incorporated a system of enlightened treatment for people with mental illness developed by Dr. Thomas Story Kirkbride. The site is currently being redeveloped by the nonprofit Richardson Center Corporation.

For more information about tours, please email PBN at [info@pbnsaves.org](mailto:info@pbnsaves.org), visit [www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org](http://www.preservationbuffaloniagara.org), or call 716-852-3300.

**About Preservation Buffalo Niagara**

Preservation Buffalo Niagara is the region’s only full-service, professionally staffed preservation organization, empowering Western New York communities to champion historic preservation as a means of creating a more culturally rich, vibrant, affordable, and sustainable community.

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**About the Lipsey Architecture Center Buffalo**

The Lipsey Architecture Center Buffalo explores excellence in architecture and city planning as demonstrated by Buffalo's outstanding architectural heritage. The LACB fosters collaboration with organizations with the similar goal of activating Buffalo's architecture, planning, and landscape. By providing a center to host exhibitions, events, and programs, the LACB actively collaborates with aligned groups in dialogue and shared programming.

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