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The Historic Hassayampa Inn ~ Named a 2022 Historic Hotels of America Awards of Excellence Nominee Finalist

Prescott, Arizona, September 20, 2022 – Hassayampa Inn in Prescott, AZ is pleased to announce it is a nominee finalist for:

- **Best Small Historic Inn/Hotel (Under 75 Guestrooms) Nominee Finalists,**
- **Peacock Room - Best Historic Restaurant,**
- **Ambassador of the Year (celebrating 25+ years of service) Nominee Finalists - Rob Blake, Cathy Catalina Avila Ramos,**
- **Hotelier of the Year Nominee Finalists – Michael Kouvelas.**

Each year, the [Historic Hotels of America Awards of Excellence](#) honor, encourage, and recognize the most exemplary historic hotels, hoteliers, and leadership practices. The Historic Hotels of America Awards of Excellence are presented to historic hotels and hoteliers demonstrating innovative leadership, stewardship, and contribution to furthering the recognition, preservation, and celebration of these preeminent historic hotels and their histories.

Winners will be announced at the 2022 Historic Hotels Annual Awards of Excellence Ceremony and Gala, which will take place at the Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa in Point Clear, Alabama (USA) on Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 7 pm. The award winners will be announced in front of an audience of owners, general managers, senior decision-makers, and guests representing many of the finest historic hotels from around the world.

Hassayampa Inn is one of more than 300 hotels and resorts throughout the country that is recognized by Historic Hotels of America, a program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, for preserving and maintaining its historic integrity, architecture and ambiance.

“We are delighted to recognize **Hassayampa Inn** in being nominated for **Best Small Historic Inn/Hotel (Under 75 Guestrooms) Nominee Finalists, Best Historic Restaurant, Ambassador of the Year (celebrating 25+ years of service) Nominee Finalists , Hotelier of the Year and Nominee Finalists – Michael Kouvelas,**” said Lawrence P. Horwitz, Executive Vice President, Historic Hotels of America and Historic Hotels Worldwide. “This hotel is part of a select group of nominee finalists in a number of categories. It is an honor to be nominated and recognized.”

Our Hassayampa Inn team is honored and so appreciative being recognized as a finalist among so many respected inns and hotels associated with Historic Hotels of America Awards of Excellence – Michael Kouvelas

About Hassayampa Inn

Among Prescott hotels, the story of the Hassayampa Inn is truly unique. Even before it was constructed, the Inn helped to bring the people of Prescott together. During the “roaring twenties,” El Paso architect Henry Trost was challenged by a group of residents to design a grand hotel – a place where people could relax, chat and escape the grind of their hectic lives.

Hundreds of Prescott citizens bought shares into the project at \$1 each and the result was the construction of a stunning red brick building, completed in 1927, that would serve as the cornerstone of downtown. Back then, it was known as the Hassayampa Hotel.

These warm and welcoming accommodations were named after the Hassayampa River located north of Prescott, which mysteriously sinks beneath the surface for much of its 100-mile journey. The Apache word “Hassayampa” loosely translates as “the river that loses itself” is a fitting moniker for a hotel that was designed to be a place where patrons can emerge refreshed and relaxed.

Today, the Hassayampa Inn remains an anchor in the community. The building is included in the National Register of Historic Places and is a member of the Historic Hotels of America. But most of all, this red-brick hotel is as charming today as it was more than 95 years ago.

Step inside and marvel at the elaborate stained-glass doors, vibrant murals, hand-painted ceiling beams and other historic features that have been artfully restored. Unwind in your comfortable room knowing that you’re staying in the same hotel where celebrities like D.H. Lawrence, Clark Gable, Greta Garbo, Tom Mix, Will Rogers and Georgia O’Keeffe once came to relax.

About Historic Hotels of America®

Historic Hotels of America® is the official program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation for recognizing, celebrating, and promoting the finest historic hotels in the United States of America. To be nominated and selected for membership in this prestigious program, a hotel must be at least 50 years old; designated by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior as a National Historic Landmark or listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places; and recognized as having historical significance. Of the more than 300 historic hotels inducted into Historic Hotels of America from 44 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, all historic hotels faithfully preserve their sense of authenticity, sense of place, and architectural integrity. For more information, please visit HistoricHotels.org/US.

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