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Hassayampa Inn, Prescott, Arizona ~ Named a 2024 Historic Hotels of America® Awards of Excellence Nominee Finalist

Prescott, Arizona, September 3, 2024 – Hassayampa Inn in Prescott, AZ is pleased to announce it is a Nominee Finalist for America’s Best **Sustainability Champions, Hotel Historian of the Year, and Historic Restaurant**. The designation of 2024 Historic Hotels of America® Awards of Excellence Nominee Finalist is conferred to the hotel by Historic Hotels of America®, the official program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation for recognizing and celebrating the finest historic hotels in the United States.

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 on November 21 during the 2024 Historic Hotels Annual Awards of Excellence Ceremony and Gala, which will take place at The Omni Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, Virginia (USA). 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® for preserving and maintaining its historic integrity, architecture and ambiance.

“Historic Hotels of America is delighted to recognize Hassayampa Inn for being a Nominee Finalist for America’s Best **Sustainability Champions, Hotel Historian of the Year, and Historic Restaurant**. 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.”

“I was so thankful to be nominated and now very humbled to be selected as a finalist for such an award and honor with Historic Hotels of America” said Michael Kouvelas, President and CEO of Aris Hospitality Management LLC and Owner at Hassayampa Inn.

The story of the historic **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 in 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.

Today, the historic 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 90 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.

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. The National Trust for Historic Preservation was chartered by U.S. Congress in 1949 and is a private 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The National Trust for Historic Preservation is leading the movement to save places where our history happened. 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, the U.S. Virgin Islands, 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.

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