

# News Release



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## *Four local remodeling firms claim top industry honors*

Four Twin Cities home remodeling firms received national honors as winners of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry's (NARI) Contractor of the Year (COTY) Awards. The awards ceremony, regarded as the premier event of the year throughout the remodeling industry, was held Saturday, March 18, in San Francisco.

"We are thrilled that four members of our association have achieved this national recognition," said Kathleen Laurila, Executive Director of the Minnesota Chapter of NARI. "The winning projects are outstanding examples of what remodelers can help homeowners achieve. Homeowners can always feel confident working with a NARI-member remodeling firm."

The remodeling firms received COTY Awards in the following categories:

— **Entire House \$500,001 to \$1,000,000**

**Orfield Remodeling, Inc. of Minneapolis** -- for its dramatic update of a 1980's Burnsville home, which included the orientation of the house to the lake, complete remodel of home – top to bottom – and the addition of outdoor rooms to take advantage of a spectacular lake setting. Orfield Remodeling, Inc., is located at 3507 W. 50<sup>th</sup> Street in Minneapolis. To learn more about Orfield Remodeling, Inc. visit [www.orfieldremodeling.com](http://www.orfieldremodeling.com) or call 612-927-0222.

— **Residential Bath \$30,000 to \$60,000**

**Otogawa-Anschel Design-Build of Minneapolis** – for its success in fulfilling a homeowner's uncommon request to make a room smaller in his 1980's Eden Prairie home. By taking the excess space from an oversized master bathroom, the design-build firm enlarged a small bedroom closet. The newly remodeled bath features a path of river rock in the floor and a custom-built vanity with seven different angled faces and a granite top. Otogawa-Anschel Design-Build, located at 1214 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave. N. in Minneapolis, works primarily in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area focusing on older homes and specializes in green building. For more information, visit [www.otogawa-anschel.com](http://www.otogawa-anschel.com) or call 612-789-7070.

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— **Residential Exterior Under \$100,000**

**Knight Construction Design, Inc., of Chanhassen** -- for its "facelift" of a Chanhassen home, which the homeowners wished to transform into the look of a cozy retreat for their young family. The

exterior of the home was updated with cedar shake siding, natural Indiana limestone, new Ironwood decking and timberline shingles. A new porch featured architectural columns and bead-board ceilings with crown. Knight Construction Design is located at 2989 Watertower Place in Chanhassen. Knight Construction Design, Inc. is a full-service home remodeling and design-build company. To learn more, visit [www.knightremodeling.com](http://www.knightremodeling.com) or call 952-361-4949.

— **Residential Interior \$100,000 and Under**

**Murphy Bros. Designers & Remodelers of Blaine** -- for its Italian-themed makeover of the lower level of a 1950's Edina rambler. The owner, a native of Italy, was inspired by a local restaurant, or trattoria, and wanted to create the feel of an Italian alcove. Murphy Bros. created an arched masonry ceiling – achieved through scoring and shaping plywood and skillful application of brick and wall-finishing mud – as well as a fanned, acid-etched concrete overlay floor. Murphy Bros. Designers and Remodelers is located at 1613 93<sup>rd</sup> Lane NE in Blaine. To learn more about Murphy Bros. Designers and Remodelers visit [www.mbros.com](http://www.mbros.com) or call 763-780-3262.

Contractors from seven regions around the country vie for COTY awards on an annual basis. Most projects submitted for judging were an improvement or an addition to an existing structure, with the exception of one category, “Residential Exterior Specialty.” Otherwise, new construction projects were not eligible. An impartial panel of judges who are experts within the industry and associated fields, selected winners based on each entrant’s “before and after” photography and project description. Judging was based on problem solving, functionality, aesthetics, craftsmanship, innovation, degree of difficulty and entry presentation.

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NARI of Minnesota is a Chapter of The National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI), the only trade association dedicated solely to the remodeling industry. With more than 7,000 member companies nationwide, the Association is “*The Voice of the Remodeling Industry*”<sup>TM</sup>. For membership and chapter information, or for more on the COTY Awards, visit the NARI MN Web site at [www.narimn.org](http://www.narimn.org) or contact the headquarters at 612-332-NARI.

The remodeling market, a \$230 billion industry in the U.S. in 2003, is expected to continue to experience significant growth. It is estimated that more than a million homes per year undergo major renovation or remodeling.

NARI is a professional association whose members voluntarily subscribe to a strict code of ethics. Consumers may wish to search [www.narimn.org](http://www.narimn.org) to find a qualified professional who is a member of NARI or contact the headquarters at 612-332-NARI for a copy of the consumer directory, “*Remodeling Today*.”