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AMERICAN ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION AND SIR JOHN SOANE'S MUSEUM FOUNDATION TO AWARD TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP

NEW YORK—November 9, 2005—The American Architectural Foundation and the Sir John Soane's Museum Foundation today announced sponsorship of an annual traveling fellowship award to study the work of British architect Sir John Soane.

The American Architectural Foundation's Fellowship at the Sir John Soane's Museum provides a \$5,000 grant annually to enable a student in graduate degree programs in the history of art, architecture, interior design or related fields to travel to England to pursue research on any aspect of the work of Sir John Soane or the Sir John Soane's Museum and collections. The two foundations will award their first fellowship in Summer 2006.

Sir John Soane, R.A. was an English architect of significance influence during the last quarter of the 18th century and early 19th century. He specialized in the Neo-Classical tradition. His most famous remaining works are the Bank of England and the Dulwich Picture Gallery, which has served as a model for many modern art galleries. He designed his own home, now the John Soane Museum in London, which houses an impressive collection of antiques and architectural pieces.

"We are grateful to partner with the American Architectural Foundation to fund this traveling fellowship and to increase the visibility of Sir John Soane's contributions to the architectural field," said Chippy Irvine, President of the Sir John Soane's Museum Foundation. "As the Soane Foundation is currently celebrating its 15th year anniversary here in the United States, we are now into our 10th year of providing fellowships to conduct work and research at the Museum and elsewhere."

"Just as Sir John Soane benefited from a traveling scholarship to Italy early in his career, we hope the study of his work in England will inspire a new generation of architects and design students," said Ronald E Bogle, President and CEO of the American Architectural

Foundation. “We are pleased to add this prestigious fellowship to the many scholarships we award annually to aspiring architectural students in the U.S.”

Last year’s fellowship award went to Bryan Boyer, an architecture student at Harvard Graduate School of Design, who researched an unpublished manuscript by Sir John Summerson to research the architectural details of the back of the Soane house.

Applications for the 2006 award will be accepted until March 1. Submission forms and additional information is available at www.soanefoundation.com/fellowship.html

ABOUT THE AMERICAN ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION

The American Architectural Foundation (AAF) is a national nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that educates individuals and communities about the power of architecture to transform lives and improve the places where we live, learn, work, and play. Through its programs, the Mayors’ Institute on City Design and Great Schools by Design, AAF works to improve the built environment through the collaboration of thought leaders, designers, and local communities. With its outreach programs, grants, exhibitions, and educational resources, the American Architectural Foundation helps people become thoughtful and engaged stewards of the world around them. For more information, please visit www.archfoundation.org.

ABOUT THE SIR JOHN SOANE’S MUSEUM FOUNDATION

Founded in America in 1991 in order to further Soane’s goal to educate the general and professional publics in architecture and the fine and decorative arts and to support Sir John Soane’s Museum. Its programs have so far attracted more than four thousand students, educators, curators, architects, decorators and collectors. For further information, please visit www.SoaneFoundation.com

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