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## 50 YEAR HISTORY OF ARCHITECTURE FIRM CHRISTNER HIGHLIGHTED IN SHELDON EXHIBIT

ST. LOUIS, MO - The Sheldon Art Galleries presents *Christner: 50 Years of Shaping the Built Environment in St. Louis*, March 6 - May 2, 2015 in the Bernoudy Gallery of Architecture. **An opening reception is scheduled for Friday, March 6 from 5 - 7 p.m.** Galleries are open until 9 p.m. for First Fridays in Grand Center. The Sheldon Art Galleries are open Tuesdays, Noon - 8 p.m.; Wednesdays - Fridays, Noon - 5 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and one hour prior to Sheldon performances and during intermission. Admission is free. For more information on exhibitions, visit the galleries' website at [TheSheldon.org](http://TheSheldon.org).



A collaborative architecture firm, Christner, has designed buildings for healthcare, schools, universities, centers of science and technology and corporations, bringing innovation and insight to the practice of architecture and urban design. The firm recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and this exhibit chronicles their evolution from their modest roots in residential and healthcare architecture to major design commissions for mission-driven institutions and corporations. Ranging in size, context and function, the projects in the exhibit include the 1970 Fishmann Residence, the MetroLink station at Lambert Airport, the Jewel Box restoration, the Donald

Danforth Plant Science Center Expansion, among others. Christner's architectural practice explores multi-faceted possibilities in order to produce transformative design solutions that shape the built environment, thereby elevating the human experience of space and place.

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The not-for-profit Sheldon Art Galleries exhibits works by local, national and international artists in all media. Over 6,000 square feet of the galleries' spaces on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor are permanently devoted to rotating exhibits of photography, architecture, music and children's art. A sculpture garden, seen from both the atrium lobby and the connecting glass bridge, features periodic rotations and installations, and the Nancy Spirtas Kranzberg Gallery on the lower level features art of all media. The Sheldon actively supports the work of St. Louis artists in all mediums and features a dedicated gallery with museum-quality exhibits by St. Louis artists, past and present.

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**Image caption:** Christner, Inc., *MetroLink Station at Lambert St. Louis International Airport*, 1993.