

Who spent over 30 years at Rafn Company, calls himself an accidental preservationist, and claims to have done more historic renovation projects than anyone else in the Pacific Northwest?

Steve Stroming, of course!

That's why Steve was recently nominated and selected to receive the Historic Seattle Council Award. Steve will be presented with the award at the 2024 Preservation Celebration on September 19th.

Steve is being recognized for his career-long commitment to preservation and his impact on Historic Seattle in particular. Steve was introduced to renovating historic buildings when, during his early years at Rafn Company, he was assigned the Coliseum Theater renovation project for Banana Republic.

Steve recently said, "I just got the bug. It's like these are the kind of projects that I want to work on as much as possible. I was lucky to be able to direct my career at Rafn to focus on that."

As the Director of Preconstruction Services at Rafn, he had a supersized impact on two of Historic Seattle's most difficult and consequential projects, the Cadillac Hotel and Washington Hall. His early involvement and leadership on these projects were critical to ensuring that we succeeded when success was not a sure thing and failure not an option.

We look forward to celebrating Steve and presenting him with the Council Award at the Preservation Celebration.