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DOWNTOWN BERKELEY LANDMARK TO HAVE HISTORICAL PLAQUE.

The Studio Building, a Berkeley Historical Landmark, will be the center of a celebration Sunday, September 12, when its bronze plaque is dedicated by the Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association (BAHA) and the California College of Arts and Crafts (CCAC).

The Studio Building was the first home of the local independent art college in 1907. CCAC is now located in Oakland at Broadway and College Avenue. The historical plaque dedication is one of a series of events that are taking place during CCAC's 75th Anniversary this year.

Berkeley's Mayor Newport and other civic officials of both Oakland and Berkeley will be present at the September 12th event, as will CCAC's president Harry X. Ford, officers of its Alumni Association and members of BAHA and the Berkeley Landmarks Preservation Commission.

It was through the efforts of BAHA that the building received Landmark status and inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. It is also listed in the State Historic Resources Inventory.

Completed in 1906 for developer Frederick H. Dakin, the building was restored by its present owners Fred and Robbie Ahmadi as a part of downtown Berkeley's revitalization program in the late 1970's. It now in full use with business offices and restaurants as tenants.

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One block of Addison Street will be closed off for this Sunday's celebration, which will include music in the street by the University of California Jazz Ensembles and a champagne reception in the nearby Mobilia showrooms.

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