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## In Memoriam: Emanuel Kelly, FAIA

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of KMA's founding partner and beloved friend and mentor Emanuel Kelly, FAIA. He will be greatly missed but remembered forever in our company name and in our hearts.

There will soon be two articles in the Philadelphia Inquirer about his inspiring life and many accomplishments, which we will share with you.

In the meantime, if you want to know more about Kelly, as he preferred to be called, the University City Historical Society conducted a two-part interview in May 2023 that truly captured his spirit and great love of his chosen profession.

Part 1: <https://youtu.be/FfZNN7s32ZY?si=vNexMrKht-UcDV0X>

Part 2: [https://youtu.be/S7hdh1dqEtc?si=PCPhV\\_coqB0RJTZQ](https://youtu.be/S7hdh1dqEtc?si=PCPhV_coqB0RJTZQ)



*Kelly, pictured in December 2022 at AIA Philadelphia's awards gala, where he accepted an Honor Award in the unbuilt planning category for his work on the John Coltrane Museum and Cultural Arts Center site feasibility study. With him, from left to right, are Abby Freed, Kathy Babcock, and Kelsey Whalen from KMA. Also pictured are Sharla Russell with the City of Philadelphia and client Tonnetta Graham of the Strawberry Mansion Community Development Corporation.*