The Addams-Palmer Awards for for Exemplary Civic Involvement by a Chicago Institution

Presented by the Civic Federation

2021 Honoree: Ariel Investments, accepted by John W. Rogers, Jr.



The Addams Palmer award is a rare original color view of the 1893 World's Fair. In the foreground is the world's first electric boat. These boats were demanded by the great landscape architect Frederick Law Olmstead who did not want the water courses of the fairgrounds spoiled by steam engines.

The two wooded islands depicted are still in the lagoon behind the Museum of Science and Industry. On these islands was the Japanese exhibit for the Fair. Included in the Award is a rare original postcard of the Japanese exhibit. Behind the Islands is the Women's Building, destroyed after the Fair was over.