

# Historic Thresher Square

Built in 1900-1905, this classic timber post & beam building is composed of two structures: Advance Thresher and Emerson-Newton. Together, they served as an assembly plant for threshing machines. Assembly started at the top floor, and once the machines arrived the first floor, they were complete & loaded onto rail cars that ran on two tracks under the Thresher Square.

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## Threshing Machines?

These agricultural machines are used by farmers to harvest grains by removing seeds from the stalks and husks.

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## Two sets of elevators?

Emerson-Newton has 7 floors, and Advance Thresher has 6 floors, so each building needed their own elevator. The floor plates only align below the 4th floor.

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## Historic Designation

In 1977, Thresher Square was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Designed by the architectural firm Kees & Colburn, the site gains much of its historic significance due to its Classical Revival architecture.

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## Rehabilitation

Although the buildings were rehabilitated in the 1980s, the exterior is nearly identical to historic images from the early twentieth century.

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## Timber Beams & Windows

80% of the timber beams are original, and 20% are newly installed Douglas Fir from the Pacific Northwest. All of the windows were designed and manufactured by Andersen Windows, and have been historically approved.

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## Suspended Sculpture

The atrium features a 7-story sculpture titled “Sift”, inspired by the flour milling industry and visible from every floor. Illuminated by natural light from a skylight, the iridescent tiles sparkle day & night.





# Minneapolis Mill District

**a.k.a. The  
(Former)  
Flour Milling  
Capital of  
The World**

In the late 19th Century, the area along the Mississippi River, near Saint Anthony Falls in Downtown Minneapolis, was home to the largest flour mills in the country. Today, the Mill District is a historic and cultural neighborhood, with many of the original flour mills redeveloped into lofts, hotels, and creative office space.

## **Take a Bike Ride**

Canopy has complimentary bikes to check out and cruise around the neighborhood. You can pick up the Minneapolis River Parkway bike path just a block away.

## **Light Rail**

Hop on the light rail and check out St. Paul, Mall of America, University of Minnesota, or a Twins game at Target Field.

## **Parks**

Minneapolis is known for its parks! You are steps away from The Commons, Gold Medal Park, and the Mill Ruins Park.

## **Meet Minneapolis**

Whether you're looking for a Farmers Markets, movie in a park, or an art opening, Meet Minneapolis is your go-to for information about all the latest events and activities around town. Visit [Minneapolis.org/things-to-do](http://Minneapolis.org/things-to-do).

## **Mill City Museum**

You can visit the Mill City Museum, just a block away, and learn all about the flour milling boom, and take in an amazing view of the Stone Arch Bridge.

## **Vikings**

US Bank Stadium is home to the Minnesota Vikings, and literally, right across the street. Skol!

## **Dining**

Our neighborhood favorites: UMBRA, Chloe by Vincent, Farmers Kitchen & Bar, Kindee Thai, Owamni, Day Block Brewery, and Zen Box.

## **Entertainment**

If you'd like to take in a theater performance, the Guthrie is just a few blocks away. If a rock show is more your speed, The Armory is your destination. Fun fact: Minnesota native Prince used the building to shoot his music video "1999".

