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2006 Statewide Historic Preservation  
Honor Award Presented to:

Conroy-Tully  
Crawford Funeral  
Home  
Portland, Maine  
for Ornamental Plaster  
Restoration

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True to its Victorian-era nature, the original interior of Conroy-Tully Crawford Funeral Home at 172 State Street in Portland features highly ornate and flatwork plaster. The owner, Christopher Crawford, is described in the nomination as a lover of architecture and a passionate steward of this property. Thanks to his commitment to preservation, he called in the pros for help when one of his ornamental plaster ceilings needed major work.

Enter Peter Lord, who found out early on that the ceiling had much more extensive damage than anyone knew. Structural issues needed immediate attention in order to save it. The owner could have simply ordered it demolished and replaced with sheetrock, however, he held fast to the preservation ethic even though the project ended up being three times the cost of the original estimate. Peter Lord was able to save most of the original work with little duplication, and it serves as a shining beauty to be enjoyed for another 100 years.

The Conroy-Tully Crawford Funeral Home is located at:  
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