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Repaired terra cotta ornamentation is hoisted into place

## Restoration

**Krause Music Store**  
**Chicago**

This fanciful two-story commercial building is a standout of the Lincoln Square commercial district. Architect Louis Sullivan was in a personal and professional decline when he designed the façade of this building in concert with William Presto.

Completed in 1922, this Chicago Landmark was Sullivan's final commission before his death two years later. His signature foliate design wraps around the storefront and above the roofline to a wreathed medallion. When the current owners acquired the building in 2005, the green terra cotta façade had been inappropriately cleaned and several of the individual units were in need of repair.

As part of the façade rehabilitation, structural repairs were made, second-floor leaded glass windows were restored with new zinc coming, original wood doors were refinished, and the mosaic tile floor was restored. The terra cotta facade was fully repaired, tuckpointed and patched to match the original glaze. The new first-floor office space has a contemporary open floor plan with minimal intrusions, while the upper floor maintains its historic function as a residential apartment.