



**Of the multitude of structures built across the country each year, few ever become elevated to a level considered the “art of architecture” by architectural critics and/or historians. The vast majority of these houses and buildings remain mundane, held to a design level that will appease the taste of that great middle group or, as Frank Lloyd Wright referred to us: “the great mediocrity.”**

Architectural critics judge the impression of a building in the immediate sense, before the building has had the chance to prove itself. Historians, on the other hand, have the benefit of

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hindsight, advising of the building's architectural qualities after the second, third or fourth generation has passed. Seldom is a classic realized at the moment.

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Architect Michael Johnson's design for Richard Yoder's and Jeanne Doornbos' house on Camelback Mountain, reached beyond a mundane design concept with the very first sketches, and brought a truly modern classic to life.

Architects are far from being on equal footing, and the levels of design quality —the intrinsic eloquence — can vary from project to project in an architect's portfolio. Not all of Wright's buildings reached the pinnacle of "Fallingwater," the weekend residence of the Edgar J. Kaufmann's family near Bear Run, Pa.

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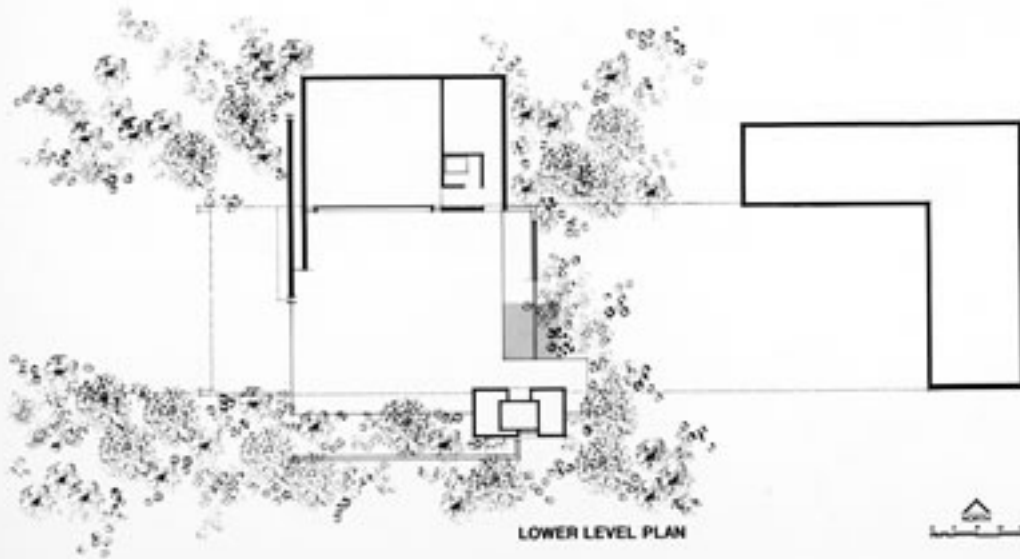
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UPPER LEVEL PLAN



LOWER LEVEL PLAN

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