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LECTURE SERIES

Ralph Rapson | Sixty Years of Modern Design

Thursday, April 14, 2016

5:00–6:00 pm

McGregor Conference Center

Room J (2nd floor)

495 Ferry Mall

Detroit, Michigan 48202



Richard (Rip) Rapson

The guest speaker is Richard (Rip) Rapson, son of Ralph Rapson. Richard Rapson is President and CEO of the Kresge Foundation in Detroit and former President of the McKnight Foundation in Minneapolis. He was a legislative assistant to U.S. Rep. Don Fraser (MN) and Deputy Mayor of Minneapolis. He was named a senior fellow at the University of Minnesota's Design Center for American Urban Studies.

Ralph Rapson (1914-2008) attended the Cranbrook Academy of Art. While at Cranbrook, he was greatly influenced by the work of Eliel Saarinen and by the work of his fellow Cranbrook students, which included Harry Bertoia, Eero Saarinen, Florence Schust Knoll, and Charles and Ray Eames. Rapson went on to become the Dean of the School of Architecture at the University of Minnesota. Among his accomplishments are the design of the Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis, the United States Embassies in Stockholm (Sweden) and Copenhagen (Denmark), and the Rapson Rapid Rocker for Knoll Furniture. He received many awards including a Gold Medal from the Minnesota Society of Architects, AIA/ACSA Topaz Medallion.

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