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NEW DOCUMENTARY FILM ON MODERNIST ARCHITECT DONALD WEXLER SET TO SCREEN IN DENVER; DONALD WEXLER TO APPEAR

DENVER, CO – September 18, 2009 - Design Onscreen – The Initiative for Architecture and Design on Film, announced today the Colorado premiere of a new documentary by Filmmaker Jake Gorst -- ***JourneymanArchitect: The Life and Work of Donald Wexler at the Starz Film Center on Saturday, October 10, 2009 at 6:30pm.*** The screening is part of the Denver Film Society's Second Annual Film and Design Series which is also co-sponsored by Design Onscreen. www.denverfilm.org The film will be followed by a Question and Answer session and reception with Architect Donald Wexler, Filmmaker Jake Gorst and Architectural Historian Alan Hess.

During the 1950s and 60s, Donald Wexler pioneered commercial and residential construction using steel and prefabrication. He applied his groundbreaking techniques and unique style to projects for clients such as Dinah Shore, Frank Sinatra, the Alexander Construction Company and Walt Disney World Resort. Wexler's designs for public buildings in the Coachella Valley of California, including the dramatic Palm Springs Airport, served as both soaring and practical models for other municipalities to emulate. Today Donald Wexler's work is garnering new appreciation worldwide and providing inspirationfor a new generation of architects..

"This is the first feature length film celebrating Don's amazing career,"says Gorst.

ABOUT DESIGN ONSCREEN:
Journeyman Architect: The Life and Work of Donald Wexler is the third documentary produced by Design Onscreen, a Denver-based foundation dedicated to the production and preservation of high quality films on architecture and design. Founded in 2007 by Denver documentary enthusiasts Jill A. Wiltse and H. Kirk Brown III, Design Onscreen most recently produced *Hella Jongerius: Contemporary* Archetypes – a documentary on the creative process of the noted Dutch designer. Presently, films exploring the work of renowned modernist architect William Krisel and the British designers Robin and Lucienne Day are in production.
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