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**Film on Southern California Architect Donald Wexler to
Premiere During Palm Springs Modernism Week**

Denver, January 30, 2009 – Design Onscreen, The Initiative for Architecture and Design on Film announces the premiere screening of the new documentary by filmmaker Jake Gorst -- ***Journeyman Architect: The Life and Work of Donald Wexler*** at the Camelot Theatre in Palm Springs, California on February 15, 2009 at 7:30pm. The screening will be part of Palm Springs Modernism Week, an event focusing on design and architecture events and programs from February 13 to 21.

During the 1950s and 60s, Donald Wexler pioneered commercial and residential construction using steel. Wexler applied his ground-breaking techniques and unique style to hundreds of structures, including the Palm Springs Airport, the Contemporary Resort at Disneyworld, and projects for clients such as Dinah Shore and Frank Sinatra. Today his work provides inspiration for a new generation of architects.

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

Following the premiere screening in Palm Springs, there will be a question and answer session with Don Wexler, Jake Gorst and architectural historian and writer Alan Hess.

ABOUT:

Design Onscreen is a non-profit foundation dedicated to producing, distributing and preserving high-quality films on architecture

and design. The organization was founded in 2007 by Denver philanthropists Jill A. Wiltse and H Kirk Brown III.

Design Onscreen seeks to:

- distribute its programming as widely as possible, via multiple media formats and channels, to a national and international audience;
- promote a greater general understanding and appreciation of Post World War II design;
- inform and elevate the ongoing “conversation” among professional architects and designers;
- work in a collaborative manner with museums, schools, universities, professional design groups, film societies and other educational organizations

Jake Gorst is an Emmy® award winning producer and the director of the documentary *Journeyman Architect*. Other recent film contributions include *Leisurama* (2005) *Desert Utopia: Mid-Century Architecture in Palm Springs* (2006), *Farmboy* (2006), and associate production on *Beyond the Beach: The Life and Death of Norman Jaffe* (2006).

Gorst is the owner of Jonamac Productions and is a contributing writer for Modernism, VOX and HOME Miami magazines.

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