

AIA Architecture Week Home Tour 2010

[10] Jarson Residence

8131 North Charles Drive in Paradise Valley - 85253

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This home is designed as a 'vessel of personal discovery' for two real estate professionals with an educated passion for modern architecture, and their two sons. Adjacent to the Phoenix Mountain Preserve to the south, the house gracefully embraces the topographic fold of a desert wash, while focusing on a northeasterly view of the McDowell Mountains in the distance.

Its simple shed roof and deep overhangs define a sculptural form of weathered steel and copper that grows from and floats about a natural landscape. As a mysterious refined dark object in its rugged natural landscape, the house responds to the owners' desire for a place of quiet reflection.

The house spans both a wash and grade change; its entry, office and bedrooms complete the upper level and the primary living spaces, media/music chamber, and potter's studio tucked beneath. Cork and concrete floors, translucent glass wall planes, and walnut and stainless steel cabinets articulate the interiors.

The upper level entry and passage are conceived as galleries for the owners' art collection. The stair down to the collective living spaces plays against the subtle drama of the angled south façade, drawing you to the desert beyond as the double height living room takes you to the sky. From the living spaces at the lower level, the dramatically scaled steel and glass corner window captures the horizon while a set of carefully positioned slot and punched apertures frame intimate desert views.

Architect: will bruder+PARTNERS

Contractor: Urban Edge Builders

Landscape Architect: Ten Eyck landscape architects

Civil Engineer: DZ Engineering

Mechanical/Structural/Plumbing: Efficiency Mechanical/Associate Engineering

Structural Engineer: rudrow + berry

Lighting Design: roger smith lighting design

Interior Design: will bruder+PARTNERS

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